



Master's College Laptop Purchasing Guide | GRADE 7 – 12

Purchasing a Mac

Students in grades 7-12 are required to purchase an Apple laptop, or use a presently owned Apple laptop, provided it is in good working order and able to run one of the last three (3) MacOS versions – Sonoma (MacOS 14), Sequoia (MacOS 15), or Tahoe (MacOS 26). This generally means any Apple laptop manufactured since 2019. For new purchases, we recommend the recently released **13-inch MacBook Neo**, although the MacBook Air and Pro are certainly excellent choices as well. iPads and tablets are not permitted at this time.

Specifications:

- ✓ 13-inch, 14-inch, or 16-inch Mac laptop

Additional Recommended Purchases:

- ✓ AppleCare+

Backing up Data

Although rare, some laptops may experience problems during the course of the school year. Because of this, we recommend all students regularly back-up their data on an external device or cloud service. External hard drives can be purchased on Amazon or other retailers, starting at approx \$55. It is our recommendation that you purchase one before school begins, as Master's Academy & College will not be able to provide students with a back-up device.

AppleCare+

Every purchased Mac computer comes with a one year manufacturer's warranty. By purchasing the AppleCare+ Protection Plan, you extend your coverage up to 3 years. There are various payment options available with AppleCare+, from a monthly subscription to purchasing the full 3 years up front.

Taking Care of Your Laptop and Respecting Others

Although Macs are very sturdy machines and built to withstand various environmental pressures, accidents do happen. Should a student cause damage to another student's machine, the student responsible for the damage might be expected to cover all costs associated with the repair.

Repairs

- All families are encouraged to take laptops with hardware problems to the Apple Store in Market Mall or Chinook Centre. Reservations for tech service can be made at: www.apple.com/ca/retail/geniusbar.
- Warranty repairs are covered under the AppleCare Warranty Program. Non-warranty repairs are typically quoted before the repair is made.

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