

Butler College Information Technology Profile

Butler College is committed to providing an educative, inclusive environment where students are focused and connected with Real World Issues, Future Pathways and the development of a Social Conscience. We strive to empower our students to reach their potential and be active contributors in their local community and the wider world.

Information Technology is a priority for learning at Butler College. We have worked with Edith Cowan University; visiting Professors from the United Kingdom and North America, the Education Department and our skilled staff to develop a strategy that will best provide for future advancements in Technology and provide support with our local education community.

Butler College has been set up with innovative infrastructure, featuring a TV or interactive whiteboard in each classroom to allow teachers and students to display curriculum and presentations in an engaging way. We have also established curriculum iPads featuring a range of apps used in specific learning areas driving pedagogical change and interactive student-centred collaborative learning. We have established Windows and Apple labs for specialised subject areas with a range of the latest software available for student use, including Programming.

Our teachers provide up to date information and curriculum to parents and students via the Connect portal; an Education Department initiative. This enables students to access work when absent from the College, submit work online, have access to supplementary resources and communicate with their teachers in a timely manner. Student performance and attendance can also be accessed here giving parents a means to view their child's progress in real time.

To complement this, the College has established a 1:1 model where parents may purchase an Apple laptop; we recommend a MacBook Air as this will provide a sound technology base for our students' learning, including research, production tools, documents, and other web-based technology. Students will be expected to bring their laptop to College each day and use it within the classroom where appropriate, in addition to home study.

Butler College has partnered with Winthrop Australia in offering a 1:1 Program available to students for 2017. For machines purchased through Winthrop, they will provide **onsite** Warranty and Insurance service via Butler College Administration & Winthrop Australia's Service Portal (WASP).

Butler College in conjunction with Winthrop Australia will also be providing an 'image' for the MacBooks, that will give students instant access to a range of free educational software, as well as connection to the school network. This image will be available to students at any time should something happen to their machine and it needs to be reset back to its original format.

To purchase your MacBook through Winthrop Australia, please visit <http://www.butlercollege.wa.edu.au/enrolments/laptops/> and follow the link to the Winthrop Portal.

If you have any queries in regard to our Technology please contact Mark Lehmann (Digital Communications Coordinator) or Brian Lowry (Technology Manager) on 9561 4200.