Student Computer Requirements at Cairns School of Distance Education (CSDE)

Students enrolled at CSDE must have access to a computer to complete their coursework. A desktop or laptop (laptops are preferred) that meets the specifications in the following section is required.

Given that Education Queensland primarily operates within a Windows environment, Windows-based computers are recommended for students. However, Apple Mac computers are also acceptable. Please note that certain subjects, such as those involving video or photo editing, may require higher computing power. If you aren't sure if a computer will meet the requirements of your subjects, it is advised to consult with the subject teacher or Head of Department (HOD) before making a purchase.

Recommended Minimum General Computer Specifications for CSDE Students:

Operating System: Windows 10/11

Processor: Intel Core i5/Ultra 5 or AMD Ryzen 5

Storage: 256GB Solid State Drive (SSD) (512gb preferred)

Memory: 8GB RAM (16gb preferred)

Camera: A webcam (either an external USB model, or one built into the device)

Audio: A USB headset (with headphones and microphone) is recommended.

Suggested Accessories:

External Monitor: An external monitor can enhance productivity by providing additional screen space for multitasking. A resolution of 1920x1080p and a minimum size of 24 inches is recommended.

Keyboard and Mouse: If you are using an external monitor plugged into your laptop, an external keyboard and mouse is recommended to allow you to fully take advantage of your set up.