



## **Christ School Student Computer Specifications**

Christ School provides Internet access in each residence house room through a wired network connection. The school also offers wireless Internet access in the academic buildings, Patrick Beaver Student Center, and in the commons room of each dorm.

Christ School recommends the following computer configuration for parents wanting to buy their son a new computer unit:

- 1) Windows XP, Windows Vista, or Macintosh OS.
- 2) Most computers come with the wired network adapter which will be used in the dorm rooms. If a student will want to use their computer in the school building they will need wireless capabilities as well (either built in or as an external adapter).
- 3) A 10 foot network cable. 15 feet long may be needed for some residential rooms.
- 4) Antivirus and antispyware software. If you do not want to purchase this software there are reliable free versions of each available (Avast [www.avast.com](http://www.avast.com) or AVG [www.grisoft.com](http://www.grisoft.com) and Spybot Search & Destroy [www.safer-networking.org](http://www.safer-networking.org) ).
- 5) At the beginning of the year the school will issue students one USB/flash drive with their name engraved. However, students are welcome to bring their own to have as spares.
- 6) Christ School uses Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint) software in the classrooms and library. An academic version of MS Office 2003 is available at substantial savings by many computer retailers (Best Buy, Circuit City, Office Depot, etc.). Openoffice.org provides a free alternative to the Office suite with the same capabilities.
- 7) To access the network students should open a browser and will then be prompted to authenticate by entering their network login and password (same as email).
- 8) All students should password-protect their personal computers. You may want to purchase a laptop lock for added security, though students have access to safes in their room that the laptop could be stored in as well.
- 9) A laptop sleeve or carry case is recommended to prevent physical damage.