



Senior School MacBook Program

Elmwood was one of the first schools in Canada to introduce a 1:1 laptop program for students from Grade 9 to 12. Students in the 21st century learn most comfortably and enthusiastically when they are able to access, analyze and synthesize information using digital tools. When every student in the classroom has technology at their fingertips, a whole new world of instructional possibilities appears.

Two years ago, Elmwood made the decision to move to the Apple Mac platform. Apple is known as a leader in educational technology with a wealth of resources to ensure the success of our program.

Elmwood's MacBook program has been developed as a **full-service package**, offering students and parents excellent value for money. It is more than simply a laptop computer, it is a program with full curriculum integration, designed to enhance student learning and to ensure that they have all the tools and personal support they require to be successful. The program has an **annual fee of \$1600**, which is billed to student accounts on September 15th each year. All components of the program are **mandatory** for all Senior School students.

Program components and approximate annual costs are as follows:

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| 1. Use of a 13-inch MacBook Pro over 4 years | \$675 |
| • Includes a lease to own* 13-inch 2.7 GHz MacBook Pro | |
| • Includes the latest Mac operating system | |
| 2. Comprehensive all-perils insurance | \$50 |
| 3. A full time dedicated laptop technician who handles most problems on-site or sends laptops away for repair if necessary | \$350 |
| • Includes any courier fees and packaging associated with repair, and | |
| • A loaner laptop while a student's laptop is being repaired | |
| 4. Educational software | \$325 |
| • Includes: iWorks, iLife, Microsoft Office, Logger Pro, Geometer's SketchPad, Inspiration 8 | |
| 5. Network access | \$200 |
| 6. An Elmwood MacBook case | No charge (\$40 value) |
| 7. An Elmwood USB stick for file storage and back-up | No charge (\$20 value) |

** Students must participate in the MacBook Program for 4 years to qualify for the lease to own computer at the end of Grade 12.*

Technical support, warranties and insurance are essential for students to use their laptops without interruption. We are proud to say that in the decade we have been a laptop school, no student has ever gone home at the end of the day without a computer. For anyone who has ever tried to get the same level of service from an electronics retailer, you know this is exceptional service and value.

In order to ensure that our Grade 12 students graduate with a laptop in good working order, students in Grade 9 use their first laptops for one year. Then they are issued brand new MacBooks that they keep for the next three years and own when they graduate.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please address them to Mr. Matt Perreault, Director of Information Technology at mperreault@elmwood.ca.