

# How can you help your child with technology?

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One of the challenges students face when completing work with a laptop or desktop at High School is being able to work efficiently with technology. So what skills do they need to succeed? The list below is simply a start on the basic skills students need to be successful technology users.

- **Typing.** Gone are the days of touch typing lessons, students now develop their typing through texting and using the internet. Speed and accuracy are not necessarily required during recreational use, but they are for schoolwork. Consider having your student access a free online site to help with both of these areas. '**10 Fast Fingers**' is a free site that helps users develop their speed and accuracy and is only one of many available free of charge. Ten minutes a day over the holidays can make a significant difference
- **Using a headset to listen to instructions and explanations.** Again, during recreational use, students often listen to music on their phones. This is a different skill to using headphones on a laptop and a skill that needs to be practised.
- **Reading and comprehending digital texts.**
- **Basic functions** like copy, cut, paste, drop and drag, saving files, accessing and opening saved files. All simple to learn and practice at home and help your students have a head start with their schooling.

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