



Why don't we use Apple computers on Skt. Josef's School?

Every year we get this question from a lot of uncomprehending parents, who wonder why a large modern school such as Skt. Josef's cannot handle two systems, Apple and Microsoft.

First, we do understand your wonder, which is why, we would like to explain, our considerations and motives.

Second, IT is a huge part in our everyday lives, also at our school. We use it every day, and IT skills are also an important part of the curriculum. At Skt. Josef's we teach the students how to use various programs and online platforms as well as good habits online, security, IT development etc.

IT has also revolutionized the textbook systems, teaching platforms, learning portals, etc. which means that a computer has become a natural and indispensable part of today's pencil case and it is essential in supporting students' learning.

This is a development that we are fully aware of, but it also gives a school like ours some issues:

- ✓ We need to provide:
 - Internet access on the entire school, which can handle 1000 concurrent users
 - Bandwidth for everyone
 - A secure personal login
 - A single sign-on
 - Logging IP addresses and other security measures
- ✓ All students have a functioning computer, but when something goes wrong, we must provide help as quickly as possible, so that the student does not miss out on the teaching and learning activities.
- ✓ Students must be able to access external and internal systems, be able to print from the school's printer, access the classrooms' modern smart boards and also access the school's other IT facilities (measuring and testing instruments, scanners, and all kinds of special software).
- ✓ Students should be able to receive help with their IT challenges

Apple will certainly be able to meet all of these requirements and tasks too, but in that case we would have to operate with two solutions all the time, because we would have to ensure that both students with a PC and students with Mac have the same facilities and help options. That would instantly double the technical complexity of not only any new systems and hardware, but also the training complexity, since the technical and teaching staff would have to be trained to assist and advise in two different systems.

Why did we choose to have Microsoft and Windows?

Much consideration was given when deciding which solution to use.

The school decided to go with the Microsoft option because the school can upgrade and offer management systems and Office 365 to all staff and students. It also provides the opportunity for the same user interface which is important in teaching situations and makes support must easier.

The price of a PC that meets the scholar requirements cost less than half of what an Apple computer costs, and finally, we make sure our technical and educational staff only have to get familiar with one system

Thank you for supporting the school with our choice of computer system.

For the most up to date information regarding which PC to buy please check our [website](#), for PC specifications and more.