

Bring Your Own Device @



Our vision is to inspire, challenge and empower our learners. eLearning provides an engaging platform to do this. Applying knowledge and skills flexibly and creatively, in different situations- empowers them to be successful in their rapidly changing world. This approach is also supported by our New Zealand Curriculum.

The unique opportunity of beginning a new school gives us the chance to examine the best ways that our students can learn, as well as the capabilities they need now and in the future. The use of digital technologies is a key part of this.

So why BYOD?

- With access to their own device, learners build confidence. Having access at the best time to optimise their learning means no waiting or timetable limitations.
- Personalises learning; learners can learn at their own pace, and take learning in further directions independently and collaboratively.
- Learners become digitally fluent; knowing when to use technology, how to use different tools, how to critique the wealth of information out there, and most importantly, how to use it responsibly.
- At any time, learners have access to a wealth of information, right at their fingertips. Having their own device allows students to take this learning beyond the classroom walls, making learning not just between the hours of 8.30am and 2.30pm. Access to learning is seamless between home and school, making learning transferrable.
- Having their own laptop allows students to make their computer personal to them, therefore allowing them to bookmark pages, save files onto their computer. This will make accessing sites and work started at school easier.
- Learners have the ability to access a world of knowledge, skills and experts. Making connections in authentic and meaningful ways, students learn how to become part of a global community.



F.A.Q.s

Frequently asked questions

What does this mean in terms of screen time for my child?

We aim to integrate the use of ICT into our learning, this does not mean that your child will be fixed to a screen. Students will still work with their teachers in workshops, work in groups with their peers, use other 'hands on' learning and write in books.

How would my child register their device at school?

There will be a BYOD agreement form before your child can bring their own device to school.

What about security/theft/damage?

Devices are the responsibility of the student. Each class will have a lockable area for the device to be stored during break times and when the device is not in use. It is the student's responsibility to ensure it is placed in the lockable area during these times.

Will the device be protected with Internet Content Filtering?

We will be using the Government Network for Learning (Internet filtering device). Inappropriate websites or content searches are filtered out and cannot be accessed at school. The Google Teacher dashboard also provides monitoring of student activity. It is important to note that this filtering only applies whilst the device is connected through the school network and does not extend to home. You would be responsible for any content filtering whilst away from school.

How can I ensure my child is safe at home on their device?

All research suggests that web capable devices that students use, should only be used under adult supervision and definitely not out of sight (i.e. in a closed bedroom). Sticking to this rule will eliminate most potential problems. Settings on all devices can be changed to support the safe internet use. For more information, see Google Safety Centre for Families <https://safety.google/families/>

Who pays for the technology brought to school?

These devices will be purchased by and remain the property of the family. It is strongly suggested that you check your personal insurance policy to ensure the device is covered in case of accidental damage or theft.

Will my child miss out by not having their own device?

No. Each learning community will have devices for general use. These include iPads and laptops.

Should I go out and buy my child a device?

Personally owned devices are a supplement to what will be available in learning communities. BYOD is an optional programme and parents are not required to purchase a device for their child. However, parents who are considering purchasing should refer to the BYOD minimum requirements.

What laptops do you suggest?

You may already have a suitable device that can be used at school. As a guide, to check it's suitability, it should have;

- Hard Drive; Windows minimum 64GB, iOS minimum 32GB, Chrome minimum 16GB
- Battery life; ideally 8 hours to last the whole school day
- RAM; Windows or iOS at least 4GB
- Screen; must be comfortable for all day use
- Size; look for small and light devices to make it easy for your child to carry

Families with an existing laptop are invited to contact us to see whether the laptop will have the desired specifications.

Any other questions, just ask