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Bring Your Own Device 2020

Dear Parents, Caregivers and Whanau,

From 2020 we are planning to introduce a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy for students. In 2020 it is recommended that all year 9-13 students bring their own device to school to enable learning. We would also like to know which students who will be in year 7 and 8 in 2020 would prefer to bring their own devices in 2020.

Having their own device will enable students to have a seamless transition from learning at school to learning at home.

Large retailers such as Noel Leeming and Harvey Norman provide a lot of information to assist with selection of devices:
<https://www.noelleeming.co.nz/byod> . Other retailers like <https://www.pbtech.co.nz/> may have cheaper models (chromebooks from \$334, ex-demo from \$262).

We would recommend that PC/Chromebook devices have the following minimum specifications:

- Windows 10 operating system
- Screen size of at least 11 inches
- 4 GB RAM

- 6GB+SSD
- 5GHz Wireless capability
- Battery life 7+hours
- Keyboard
- Weight suitable for carrying around between classes
- Protective case/bag/cover
- USB port, audio output
- A set of headphones

For Apple devices any current models will have sufficient capability.

Please note that the school will not take any responsibility for loss/damage to student property so you should ensure that the device is covered by your contents insurance.

We understand that for some families it may not be financially possible to purchase a device for their child. If this is the case, please let us know on the form by 22 November and we will work with you to explore options.

Please complete the form here for each student currently in year 6-12:
<https://forms.gle/hN47xP9PwPqhZ6MHA> to state whether your child will be able to bring their own device in 2020.

Kind regards,
Ray Bygate and Nicola Hornsey