

YEAR 9 BYOD DEVICE GUIDELINES FOR 2021

In 2021 Year 9 students will need to bring their own digital device to school.



RECOMMENDED DEVICE - Chromebook

The recommended device for Year 9 students is a Chromebook. It has the following features:

- low-cost
- long battery life
- requiring minimal software and security updates (which are done automatically and invisibly when the device is connected to the internet)
- wide range of Google and web apps available to students (via their school Google account and GSuite for Education)
- requires an internet connection
- no option to install additional software

If purchasing a new Chromebook, please ask the supplier for the Auto-Update Expiry date of the device. The device will stop receiving updates after this date and may stop working properly. It is not unreasonable to expect an AUE date of 2024 and beyond.

For more information including AUE's for different makes and models, please Google 'Chromebook Auto-Update Policy' or visit

<https://support.google.com/chrome/a/answer/6220366?hl=en>

ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE DEVICE - Laptop

If the student has access to, or wishes to purchase, an alternative laptop-type device, this is acceptable but must meet the following requirements:

- the latest version of Google Chrome must be installed
- must retain its charge for the duration of the school day (no charging facilities available at school)
- For Windows devices, must be running Windows 10
- For Mac devices, must be running OSX 10.14 or above

Please note that phones and tablets including iPads are NOT an approved BYOD device.

SECURITY

Students are responsible for the safety and security of their own device.

A case or cover is recommended for the protection of devices and the device should be named.

A password should be in place to protect the device.

TEMPORARY HIRE *(if own device is temporarily unavailable)*

A small number of Chromebooks will be made available for daily hire to those students whose own devices are temporarily unavailable.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

In cases of hardship, the school may be able to assist families. Requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Please email Deputy Principal, Jude Brown – jbrown@otc.school.nz