



‘Bring Your Own Device’ for Yr 4-6 students in 2024

Devices

Chromebooks: the preferred device

As a school we are promoting a minimum of 11 inch Chromebooks. These are the features that we believe make Chromebooks the right choice for our school:

- They have exceptional battery life – up to 8 hrs
- All student work is saved to their unique Google account - it is saved as they type so they don't have to worry about losing it
- Work is saved online - this means that they can access it on any device by logging into their Google account
- They are small, light, easy to carry and to store
- No other programs are needed to be downloaded to the Chromebook – meaning fewer distractions
- They are relatively well priced compared to other devices

Chromebooks: purchasing

You can purchase Chromebooks from all leading retailers.

We have established positive relationships with PB Tech and Noel Leeming. You are able to utilise the Coatesville School [Noel Leeming](#) or [PB Tech](#) BYOD Portals to see recommended devices and their BYOD deals.

Laptops or other devices

Students are permitted to bring laptops but only if they are relatively new and capable of utilising Google Apps effectively. The device must come charged and be able to stay charged for the day.

We do not recommend that students bring iPads due to some limitations with Google Apps.

Students without own device

Every class in Kahu & Tui Team has some school-purchased Chromebooks available, but these are limited and students will need to share these.

Every class also has some school iPads for children to use. (These have specific uses including being high quality multimedia devices).

Students sharing their ‘BYOD’

Children are not allowed to share their device with others. They are the sole user of their device.

Learning

Digital Classrooms: Use of Devices

Devices, either school owned or BYOD, are used to support the Coatesville School Learning Process, Whakamana - Akonga: Empowering - Learners. Students will make use of devices for directed and self-directed activities. Directed being, students are directed to activities by their teacher which support practise and sharing of learning or may at times be used for self-directed learning whereby students are directing their own learning such as doing some extra research to support their learning.

In Literacy, devices may be used for publishing writing which has been drafted in books or practice activities to support reading, writing and spelling. Therefore, students may generally use devices for up to one hour of the two hour block, as necessary. At other times, students may be involved in a guided lesson, conferencing with the teacher or peer, or reading and writing practice in a book.

In Maths, devices may be used for practising or sharing something they have learnt. Again, they will use devices for up to 20-25 minutes. At other times students may be working with a teacher, doing hands-on activities or practise in their maths books.

Balance between Digital tools and Handwriting

It is crucial that children learn how to correctly form letters and numbers. Students will need to demonstrate a fluent legible handwriting style otherwise they will continue to practise their skills until this is established.

All students are still expected to work in books on a daily basis, whenever necessary to ensure they have balance with their work output and to ensure that their writing skills are maintained.

Use of devices during break times

We believe in helping children to recognise and achieve balance in their lives. With this in mind, break times and before and after school will be device-free.

Use of devices at home

There is no set expectations for how much devices are used at home, it is up to the individual family to decide what's best.

Students printing from devices

If your child wishes to print then they must share this with the teacher who will do it for them.

However, as the children are able to share their work so freely via Google Apps with peers, teachers and parents, they should not need to print things off very often.

Procedures

Security of devices during the day

During break times and when devices are not being used students are required to put their device away in the class storage unit.

Students are not allowed to access classrooms during break times without teacher supervision.

Any breaking of school rules will be addressed quickly.

Liability for loss or damage

We will investigate any incident and will contact parents to discuss any findings & responsibility.

Any students who breach school rules will be dealt with according to our school's behaviour procedures.

Devices should be covered by parents in their home and contents insurance.

Technical support

If you have any problems with your device we may be able to offer some technical assistance, but if it is a major issue you will need to take it back to the place of purchase.

Charging for student devices

Devices need to arrive at school fully charged at the beginning of each school day. Students will be unable to use a device that has gone flat during class time as the use of cords around the room provides a safety hazard. Students may be given the opportunity to charge devices before school, at morning tea or at lunchtime.

BYOD User Agreement

All students who want to BYOD must complete the agreement and return it to school. Students will be unable to use their device at school until this is returned. Students that breach this agreement will lose the right to use their device in accordance with the school behaviour policies.