

Year 5–8 BYOD Information for Parents and Caregivers,

At Waitākere Primary School, Digital Technologies is used to support and enhance 21st century learning and is a core part of our curriculum. We believe devices are integral to our learning and therefore encourage students to have access to their own device which will be used at school every day in Years 5–8.

Our delivery of Digital Technologies includes:

- Effective use of digital resources and learning tools
- Collaboration with peers and teachers
- Opportunities to be part of a wider learning community
- Learning how to be a positive digital citizen online

We suggest that parents of students coming into year 5 purchase a Chromebook for their student to use at school. This cost-effective solution will meet your child's needs while at our school. Students will use their school email address (e.g., firstname.lastname@waitakereprimary.school.nz) to authenticate on our school network and to automatically ensure that their device is covered by continuous safety filtering and monitoring from 8:45am–3:00pm.

Before using their device at school, students will sign a Responsible Waitākere E-Learner contract poster in their classroom. Teachers will explain each part of the contract to help students stay safe online and care for their device.

Please note:

- Do not purchase Microsoft Office; students are provided free access to the Office 365 suite at school including: Word, PowerPoint, Teams, Sway, Excel, OneNote, Minecraft Education
- iPads and phones are not suitable for school use
- As computers can be heavy, we suggest you purchase a device with a screen size between 11 and 14 inches.
- Ensure your child's device is covered under your personal insurance policy, as the school does not insure personal devices
- All devices brought from home will be signed in via student email addresses through our Linewize safety portal – this is a condition of using our network.

If you have any questions, please contact one of our E-learning Leaders:

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Warm regards,

Waitākere Primary School