



Kerikeri High School Bring Your Own Technology – Guidance for Parents and Caregivers 2020

Kerikeri High School operates a state of the art School-wide Wi-Fi Network, with a secure, filtered ultra-fast broadband connection. Bring Your Own Device is not compulsory; however students are able to bring their own device to School to support their learning as appropriate. We believe that devices can be a powerful tool in teaching and learning, however are only one of a range of tools that may be used in the classroom. Students are able to access the curriculum whether they have their own device or not. We are excited to be taking steps towards realising the benefits that technology can offer our students, however we are taking a considered approach to this to ensure the achievement and safety of students continues to be a priority.

All students at Kerikeri High School have been provisioned with an Office 365 Account. This provides students with a Kerikeri High School email address, access to Microsoft Office Online, including cloud storage and access to apps such as Word, PowerPoint and Excel online, as well as the ability to install Microsoft Office on up to 5 devices, including Windows PCs, Macbooks, iPads and Android devices for free.

We recognise that students and their families may already own, or want to have a choice in the type of device that is brought to school (for example an iPad or a laptop), and so the School will not be stipulating that students are required to have a particular device as some schools have. This will allow for a range of devices and prices. Students may wish to use more than one device at school for different purposes, however this is not necessary.

In addition to computer labs throughout the School, we are working to provide as many Chromebooks for student use as shared devices as possible, however students having a personal device to use has many advantages for continuity of work, personal storage as well as personal preference for device type.

Devices will fall into one of two categories:

1. A device that meets the minimum specification to connect to the network. These may include smartphones tablets. The minimum specifications are:
 - **Battery** A minimum of 4 hours of battery life
 - **Browser** Devices must have a modern internet browser such as Chrome, Internet Explorer 10 or above, Safari or Firefox
 - **Office 365** Must be able to run Microsoft Office either online, via downloaded apps (Android or IOS) or by installing the full version of Office

2. A Student's Principal Learning Device. This will be the main device that a student uses in class, and may be their only device. The minimum specification for these devices includes the requirements above, but has additional requirements to ensure that it is useful and easy to use.

- **Screen Size** 8.0 inches for iPads (or similar)
11 inches minimum for Netbooks and Chromebooks
- **Input Device** Either permanent or removable external keyboards make devices more accessible for students. Other options may include hand writing recognition via a stylus

The School recommends that Students use either a Windows-based device, or a Chromebook for their Principal Learning device.

Please treat these recommendations as a minimum specification – some, particularly specialist senior subjects, may have recommendations for device specifications that exceed these if Students are considering using their own devices. Examples may include Photography and Art Design.

Looking ahead, if your student is considering bringing a digital device to School, below are some points you should consider:

- It is our advice that devices brought to school should be stored and transported in a protective bag or sleeve to minimise potential damage.
- All devices are required to have a password, lock pattern or some other sort of security protections to prevent unauthorised access.
- Devices should be brought to School fully charged – there will not be charging facilities for students' devices.
- The security of devices brought to School will be the responsibility of the student. While reasonable efforts will be made by the School to ensure the safety and security of devices brought to school, no liability for the loss or damage of a device will be held by the School. Insurance of devices is the responsibility of families. Devices and their accessories should be clearly labelled, and serial numbers recorded in a safe place in case of loss.
- All internet use is filtered and monitored by our state of the art internet Firewall to ensure that students are not able to access inappropriate content on their devices via the School Network. Students are required to install a Kerikeri High School Security Certificate on their device to be able to access our Wi-Fi network,

As technology moves and develops, so will these device specifications and recommendations. We look forward to working with our School community to make this successful and accessible for all students and their families.