

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Information from Netsafe

Tauranga Boys' College is a BYOD school. From 2019, **all students** will bring a device to school. A student-owned internet capable device is now an important part of a student's toolkit, giving him instant access to unlimited resources and enabling him to support, extend, communicate and share his learning in a way that best prepares him for the future. Your son will experience technology integrated into curriculum delivery via Google Classroom, Education Perfect, etc. Alongside these online platforms, there is still place for books, paper and pen, and you will have noticed a greatly reduced stationery list.

What device to bring?

The recommended device is a Chromebook or laptop, however, you may choose another device, provided it can hold its charge for up to six hours, and connect to the internet. *It must have the latest version of Google Chrome installed.* Phones are not an approved learning device.

Some suggestions



- Stores such as PB Tech, Noel Leeming, Warehouse Stationery, etc often have sales.
- You may have a laptop in the family already, or consider purchasing a secondhand Chromebook or similar. That is absolutely fine, *as long as it has the latest version of Chrome installed.*
- If necessary, for a short-term only, students may be able to hire a Chromebook from the school library for \$1 per day.
- If any of these options are a barrier and you are not able to obtain credit, please contact the school.

If you would like to learn more about **free internet connection** and low-cost internet suitable for your son's learning at home, please contact us. More info here: Free Internet for Learning and/or Spark Jump

Cyber Safety and Cyber Citizenship

Alongside regular curriculum delivery, every Year 9 boy will engage in learning about using the internet safely and understanding his responsibilities as a cyber citizen. This programme works alongside our 'Good Man' values. Use of his device through our school network is monitored and protected by N4L, a service with full web filtering and providing a safer online environment.

Student Device Care and Security



- Devices should be protected by a username and password. This should not be disclosed to other students.
- Always store the laptops in a protective bag. Do not store anything else inside the laptop bag. (Chargers, papers)
- Avoid storing your device at the bottom of your school bag – pressure from books can damage the screen and hinges.
- Carry your device within its protective cover inside your normal school bag. Do not overfill your school bag. (Pressure on the laptop can cause permanent damage to the screen and other components)
- Never lift the laptop by the screen. This will stress the hinge mechanism, which also carries the data and power supply to the screen.
- Treat your device as you do other valuables and never leave your device in unsupervised areas during the school day.
- The security of a student-owned device is the responsibility of the student.
- Devices should be engraved or labelled with the student's name.

Warranty

Most machines come with a 1-year warranty and a 3-year optional warranty. Most laptop warranties cover hardware problems that were not caused by the owner, such as defective keyboards, monitor problems or other issues with internal components. The laptop warranty generally covers the parts and labour for repairs. A warranty will not cover damage inflicted by the owner or someone else.

Insurance

Most theft or damage will be covered by your existing home contents policy. Please check with your insurance provider that this is the case. The owner of the device is responsible for insurance cover.