

## Why bring your own device?

As a school, we are committed to the continued development of 21st-century learning practices. We see digital learning as an essential

element in the development of innovative and engaging teaching and learning. The New Zealand technology curriculum has recently introduced computational thinking for digital technologies and designing and developing digital outcomes.

These areas will be compulsory for all Primary and Secondary school by 2020.

Digital literacy skills are becoming more and more important for our ākonga as they move up the school.



Ideally, a student should be able to use their device for learning whenever they need to. Like they would use a pen and paper.

To achieve this we strive to have a 1:1 device ratio in Year 5 and Year 6.

As parents of students moving into years 5 and 6 you can help us by providing your child with their own device. We believe by having a device available both at school and home it will optimise learning opportunities for your child and will help your school in providing a sustainable digital environment for the future.

## Why we like Chromebooks:

- We are a Google Suite School.
- Very easy to manage for the student, teacher and tech support.
- Very little downtime. Problems are usually solved on the spot.
- Less is better. Chromebook comes with all the basic functionality that our students need for the classroom. No bells and whistles mean fewer distractions.
- Virus free.
- Chrome OS is constantly up to date.
- Battery lasts for a good 8 hours.
- They are proven to work perfectly with our current infrastructure eg. WiFi.
- Generally, they are low cost and hard wearing.
- Their small form factor makes them easily transportable for our students.
- It's easier for teacher and student collaboration when using devices that are the same.