

BYOD

WHANGAPARĀOA COLLEGE IS A BYOD SCHOOL, ALL OF OUR LEARNERS TO BRING THEIR OWN DEVICE TO USE EACH DAY TO IMPROVE ENGAGEMENT AND ACHIEVEMENT IN THEIR LEARNING.



✓ MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR ALL LEARNERS

Wireless network capability – 802.11 g/n/ac

- 10" screen or larger
- Minimum of 4 hours of use from one battery charge
- External/Wireless keyboard for tablets /iPads (not an onscreen keyboard)
- Be able to run full functioning web browser (we recommend Chrome)
- Camera
- Photo and video editing capability
- Please note if a device does not have a camera – a phone camera would be sufficient, however note that a phone cannot be used as a fully functional device
- Please note that if you are purchasing an 'S mode' device this restricts the installation of apps outside of the Microsoft store and unfortunately our papercut printing app is not in the store so if 'S mode' is turned on then learners will not be able to print at school ('S mode' can be turned off but once off cannot be turned back on). It is recommended to turn off S mode.

Please read further information on the following pages regarding FAQs and particular subject and year level requirements

✓ RECOMMENDED DEVICES FOR YEAR 7-8

- Laptop recommended
- Full functionality, good screen size, easy file transfer
- Many models available, recommend 8GB Ram or more
- If you have a Chromebook from Primary School this is acceptable to use until the end of Year 8. Please make sure that the primary school account is not the owner of the Chromebook.
- Windows 11 devices are recommended from Year 9– Year 13
- If a child prefers a tablet, then this is acceptable as long as an external keyboard is supplied and the device meets our minimum specifications
- Please do not purchase any devices smaller than 10" screen (iPad Mini does NOT meet specifications)

*Learners should have access to installation / admin rights for if support is required. This can be via a phone call to the parents or on the machine as standard.

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✓ RECOMMENDED DEVICES FOR YEAR 9-13

- Laptop recommended
- Full functionality, good screen size, easy file transfer
- Many models are available, recommend 8GB Ram minimum, 16GB Ram Preferred.
- Year 11 – Year 13 may not require professional level software; however, some courses require professional level software and therefore have a preference for a laptop with higher specifications, these courses include:
 - Media Studies
 - Digital Technology – need to be able to run GIMP
 - Design and Visual Communication – not a requirement however to enhance portfolios recommended Photoshop and Sketchup
 - Photography - photoshop software and laptop with plenty of RAM more than 16GB with 250G hard drive
 - Visual Arts Design – photoshop software and laptop with plenty of RAM more than 16GB with 250G hard drive
 - Math's (Statistics) –
 - Science (Physics) - Able to operate multiple software at once like Excel, Word and Outlook, enough memory/processing ability to still operate an internet browser

Please see the Senior Course Booklet for further information

✓ FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Do I have to buy a version of Microsoft Office to go on the device

A: Office 365 and Google Docs is supplied free of charge to all Whangaparāoa College learners

Q. Can our learner run a VPN

A. No, due to the school infrastructure already providing internet security for the learner's VPNs are incompatible with the school network.

Q. I have family protection on my Childs device restricting their access - will this be an issue

A. Added layers of control on a learner's laptop can impact their learning and it is recommended to turn this feature off during school hours.

Q: What if I cannot afford a device?

A: There are a few options

- You can request a letter from the College for assistance with WINZ.
- Many companies offer finance on interest free plans for Education
- If neither of the above are an option, we do have temporary loan devices available for learners who are in the process of purchasing or repairing their own devices. Please