



“BYOD” (BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE)

Over the past few years Golden Bay High School has been working towards increasing access to 21st Century learning opportunities for our students; anywhere and anytime.

With this in mind we opened up our Wifi network in 2014 to enable students to bring their own personal electronic devices with them to school.

This has enabled over 80% of our student population to use a combination of school technology and their own device to facilitate their learning. By connecting to the school network, students can access the web-based learning portals and tools that the school currently offers.

We are actively encouraging students to bring their own device in 2017. Parents may wish to consider buying a device for their Junior child for the coming year, this will free up school owned Chromebooks for other students to use.

A guideline for parents and students for an ideal computing device:

- Is lightweight, but robust enough to handle daily use
- Is in a protective carrying case
- Has 5-6 hours of battery power (or preferably more) and easy options for recharging
- Has built-in wireless capability
- Has the ability to connect to the internet with a common web browser (Google Chrome, Safari, Firefox etc).
- Is flexible, with USB ports and other options for expansion and connectivity (such as a VGA or HDMI port to connect to a projector)
- Has some form of keyboard for typing, preferably external to make it easy for the student
- Has some form of antivirus/anti-spyware protection (if required).

We don't believe in specifying particular software for basic tasks (i.e word processing, presentations, spreadsheets). Students will learn what is the best programme they wish to use for their specific task. All of the school computers have Microsoft Office installed, but there are free/open source alternatives to most commercial software available from the internet and we encourage the use of these on students' own devices. We do offer a free download of Microsoft Office for those students interested in having this on their device. We highly recommend and encourage students to use web based applications, such as Google Docs, which are available under their school email accounts (G-Suite, formerly known as Google Apps for Education).

Suggestions for a Junior Student Computer

As a school we don't currently believe that mandating a particular device is necessary, but we are recommending Chromebooks for Junior Students. We have a great price for the latest G5 Touch Chromebook for parents who wish to buy through the school.

Chromebooks offer a full Internet experience with the Google Chrome browser, running all G-Suite Apps including Gmail, Drive and other apps. The Chromebooks have increased battery life, built-in





Antivirus and Automatic Updates, and super-fast performance with enough hard drive storage capacity for the essentials, plenty of GB RAM and excellent graphics.

Note: Wifi Internet will be required at home.

The Latest G5 HP Chromebooks:

**HP ChromeBook 11 G5 Education
Notebook, 11.6" Intel Celeron N3060
2GB 16GB SSD NO-DVD ChromeOS
1yr**



\$333⁶⁴
inc GST

**HP ChromeBook 11 G5 Education
Notebook, 11.6" Intel Celeron N3060
4GB 32GB SSD NO-DVD ChromeOS
1yr**



\$370⁸⁵
inc GST

The HP Chromebook with 2gb Ram and a 16gb Solid State Drive.
A very good Chromebook with 1 year warranty.

RRP \$396.75

The HP Chromebook with 4gb Ram and a 32gb SS Drive. An even better Chromebook that will perform faster and last longer. 1 year warranty.

RRP \$454.25

Protect IT

Protect IT Insurance for Chromebooks, Notebooks, tablets (valued between \$0-\$500 inc GST), 3 Year Policy that covers one Accidental Damage, Theft or Loss claim over the period of cover with a \$50 excess.

GBHS Price \$84.56 inc GST

RRP \$97.75

PBTech are offering finance options for those parents wishing to pay off the Chromebooks. Further Information about this option will be available on our website soon:

<http://www.gbh.school.nz/byod-and-wifi.html>

When considering a device, please also bear in mind that the students will be responsible for ensuring that it is kept in good working order. The school's ICT support can provide limited assistance in connecting devices onto the wireless network, but will not provide in-depth ongoing technical support.

All students must sign the BYOD Agreement and CyberSafety Agreement before their device will be connected to the School Wifi.

