



“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.

We opened up our Wifi Network to students in 2014 and this has enabled over 80% of our student population to use their own device alongside the school technology, 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 2018. 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 HP G5 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.

We have special pricing from PBTech available for Golden Bay High School. The latest G5 HP Chromebooks:

<p>HP ChromeBook 11 G5 Education Chromebook 11.6" new Intel Celeron N3060 2GB 16GB SSD NO-DVD ChromeOS 1yr warranty - upto 12hrs battery - BYOD <i>Well suited for shared desk space in the classroom</i></p>  <p>\$288⁵⁰ +GST</p>	<p>HP ChromeBook 11 G5 Premium Education Notebook 11.6" new Intel Celeron N3060 4GB 32GB SSD NO-DVD ChromeOS 1yr warranty - BYOD <i>With 12 hours of battery life</i></p>  <p>\$318⁰⁰ +GST</p>
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PBTech are offering finance options for those parents wishing to pay off the Chromebooks. ProtectIt Insurance is optional.

To order any of these offers online please go to: <https://www.pbttech.co.nz/edu/gbhs>

More information can be found on our website <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 ongoing technical support.

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