



E-learning and Bring Your Own Device (B.Y.O.D) 2020

Years 3 - 8 students at Beachlands School

We recognise that the world is changing rapidly and that our students use digital technology as important tools for their learning and communicating. We want to maximise the learning enabled by digital technology and as a result, have an optional BYOD programme for years 3 - 8 students at Beachlands School.

What is e-learning?

“e-Learning is learning and teaching that is facilitated by or supported through the appropriate use of information and communication technologies.” New Zealand Curriculum

- Students will have access to a range of digital platforms across the curriculum
- Students all have a school administered and monitored Google account
- It strengthens the home / school partnership as devices make it more accessible to engage in their students learning through programmes such as Seesaw

What are the benefits to e-learning?

- Students will become digitally fluent by; learning to understand how to use digital technologies, decide when to use them to achieve a desired outcome, and be able to explain why they have chosen to use a particular digital tool.
- It encourages students to become lifelong learners and use information and tools that are fit for purpose and that maximise learning experiences
- It encourages the ability to share, create and collaborate anywhere and anytime
- Allows access to resources beyond the school walls and for learning to continue at home

How will the use of devices strengthen the partnership between school and home?

All students will have a Seesaw account which means we can all stay connected to the classroom learning programmes. Seesaw is a simple way for teachers and students to record and share what's happening in the classroom. Seesaw gives students a place to document their learning, be creative and learn how to use digital technology. Each student will use a variety of tools, such as photos, videos, text or drawings to upload current learning which provides a window directly into current learning and progress.

Further information about Seesaw can be found at <https://web.seesaw.me/parents>

How long will my child spend on a device?

At Beachlands School we have a blended learning approach. Students will enjoy a balance between traditional means of learning as well as incorporating a range of digital technology opportunities.

Use of devices is controlled by the classroom teacher and used to enhance learning experiences.

How does Beachlands School ensure safe practices when using devices?

There is a filter put in place by our network providers which blocks visiting sites or accessing information that may be potentially harmful. BYOD users will be offered the same safety restrictions when Chromebooks are used by students during school hours. *(see attached document)*

Teachers have access to Hapara Teacher Dashboard which allows teachers to have full access to all student accounts and can set tasks, mark and comment on work and monitor students' emails and online activity. This gives the ability to do a range of things, including, but not limited to; changing passwords if students forget them or suspend an account in the Student User Agreement is breached.

Both the BYOD and Digital Citizenship Agreements which both students and parents sign has very clear guidelines and what happens when issues occur.

Why a Chromebook?

- Chromebooks work seamlessly in the Google environment
- Cloud - based storage so devices don't require memory space
- Automatic software updates without disruption
- Less on-device distractions
- Light - weight for transportation to and from school
- Beachlands School can put safety restrictions in place
- Our zoned high school Howick College are all using chromebooks so investment and familiarity is ensured

Why an iPad?

- Opens up further opportunity to various apps that can enhance learning experiences
- Access to Google environment
- Wireless keyboards can be used to develop keyboard skills
- Documentation is available to support parents in ensuring safety restrictions are in place on iPads
- Families may already have this device at home which can then be used at school

While at Beachlands School our BYOD programme is optional if you choose to partake we would recommend that if you intend to purchase a device we would recommend a Chromebook if you do not already have a device at home available to use.

How will BYOD support my child's learning?

Beachlands School offers a set of devices in each classroom. Having an optional BYOD programme running alongside will allow for more students actively using them at the same time and help to strengthen the digital programme offered.

How will devices be kept safe while at school?

All our BYOD classrooms have systems and procedures in place to ensure devices are stored safely. We have locked cupboards which devices get stored in while not in use. We also have systems in place regarding bringing their device in each morning and then retrieving them at the end of the day.

The overall responsibility lies with the individual student to ensure they follow these procedures and families are strongly encouraged to **purchase an insurance plan as the school will not be liable for any damage or breakages to the BYOD devices.**