



## Bring Your Own Device @Beachlands School

*"If we teach today's students as we taught yesterday's, we rob them of tomorrow."*- John Dewey

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We recognise that the world is changing rapidly and that our students use digital devices such as laptops, desktops and tablets as important tools for their learning and communicating. We want to maximise the learning enabled by these devices and as a result, have an optional 'Bring your own Device' (BYOD) programme for Years 4-8 students at Beachlands School.

*Please note, we are not asking parents/caregivers to buy a device for their child to bring to school. This is an invitation for students to bring a device to school that they may already have at home. If you are concerned that your child is not yet responsible enough to bring a device to school, then please do not use the BYOD scheme.*

This means that students in Years 4-8 can, if they wish, bring an approved (please check the specifications) laptop or tablet to their regular classroom every day. Teachers will direct how these devices will be used to support learning in their class. For students in Intermediate, please be advised that the specifications for devices at Howick College do not allow Chromebooks, please view these here: <http://www.howickcollege.school.nz/about/ict/>

Your child's device needs to be placed in the lockable BYOD cupboard in their classroom at the beginning of each day, and have enough charge to last the day, we do not charge devices at school. The devices will be locked away during break times and your child is expected to take it home at the end of the day. For children going to After School Care, there are facilities for locking devices away until children are collected.

Attached please find our BYOD agreement and device and app specification sheet. It provides guidance for the care and responsibilities by student, parent/caregiver and school. The specification and app sheet outlines device requirements so that they meet the needs of our learning environment. If you would like your child to be able to bring a device to school, then the BYOD agreement is to be read and signed by both the student and parent/caregiver and returned to their classroom teacher each year.

We have a padlet wall, which has more information and answers to many BYOD questions on it: <http://padlet.com/MrsCroll/3kmnvjpm75k2>. If you have any further questions please contact your child's teacher or Barbara Dinnissen [bdinnissen@beachlands.school.nz](mailto:bdinnissen@beachlands.school.nz).

Kind regards

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