



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) at Northland School

There is no expectation or requirement for a student to have their own device.

Northland School permits students in Years 5 - 8 to bring their own device to school providing:

- The device meets school specifications (see **Chromebook Specifications** attached)
- The student and family have signed a **BYOD Agreement** (attached).

Northland School provides Chromebooks on a 1 device to 2 students ratio.

Students at Northland School use digital technology to enhance their learning by:

- Being involved in engaging tasks
- Learning skills that are transferable
- Learning to use digital information
- By being involved in real-life contexts
- Working efficiently
- Learning and practising digital citizenship



Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Agreement

I would like my child to bring their own Chromebook to school for use in the classroom learning programme.

I understand that all devices brought to Northland School and used as part of the school's BYOD programme must comply with the conditions of use as stated below.

(Please tick each statement to indicate you have understood):

- The device must be a **Chromebook** that meets **Northland School BYOD specifications**.
- While the school takes all reasonable steps to minimise risk, it takes **no responsibility** for any loss or damage which may occur. It is recommended that the device be transported in a suitable protective bag.
- I will ensure the device is covered by **insurance** (this is usually Home Contents).
- I will be responsible for any device **repairs** or replacements needed.
- The device must be **labelled** with my child's full name.
- The device must be brought to school **fully charged**. There are no provisions for charging devices at school.
- The device must be brought **home** by my child at the end of each day.
- My child must store their device in the class lockable device **storage cabinet** when not in use.
- My child will only use their device when **supervised by a teacher**. The device will not be used during morning tea breaks and lunchtimes.
- Devices brought to school are for the use of my child. The school adheres to a "**sharing screen**" concept wherein my child may share his/her screen with others. In collaborative group activities there may be 2 or more children sharing a screen, however my child remains in charge of his/her device.
- Teachers will encourage the use of personal devices to **support learning** whenever appropriate.
- My child will be expected to follow the school's "**Responsible Use Agreement**" when using their device at school.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Parent name: _____

Student's name: _____

Room: _____

Please note: a copy of this agreement will be kept in the school office.



Chromebook Specifications for BYOD

For those teams participating in BYOD (really BYOC), we will allow any Chromebook, but we do have some advice:

RAM: 4GB

RAM is an important factor to consider as it is largely responsible for ensuring your computer runs efficiently and can handle several different tasks at the same time. We strongly suggest purchasing a Chromebook with 4GB of RAM.

Size: 11.6 inch

Chromebooks should be 11.6 inch (screen size). This size Chromebook is big enough for easy use, but not too big or heavy for students to carry to and from school each day. Any Chromebook larger than this will not fit in our storage cabinets, and so won't be able to be locked away during the school day. As such, bringing a Chromebook larger than this to school would be at your own risk.

Android App Capable Chromebooks

All the Android Apps (Google Play Store Apps) have now been released to Chromebooks, but they only work on some models of Chromebooks. For future proofing, we therefore recommend buying a model of Chromebook that can handle the Android Apps.

Android have this list of Chromebooks that their apps work on:

<https://sites.google.com/a/chromium.org/dev/chromium-os/chrome-os-systems-supporting-android-apps>

Touchscreen vs Not Touchscreen (and Android Apps)

With Android releasing their apps, you *may* also want to consider purchasing a touchscreen Chromebook. Android apps have generally been designed for smartphones/tablets, and so many of their apps may work best with a touchscreen Chromebook. A touchscreen Chromebook could therefore be a more useful tool in the future. They are quite a bit more expensive however, and are certainly not a requirement.