Kerikeri High School
Kerikeri, Bay of Islands
New Zealand

Bringing Your Own Device

It is not compulsory to bring a device to school; however students are encouraged to bring their own to support their learning as appropriate. We believe that devices can be a powerful tool in teaching and learning, however they are only one of a range of tools that may be used in the classroom. Students are able to access the curriculum whether they have their own device or not. We recognise that students and their families may already own, or want to have a choice in the type of device that is brought to school, and so the School will not be stipulating that students are required to have a particular device as some schools have. This will allow for a range of devices and prices.

In addition to computer labs throughout the School, we provide as many Chromebooks for student use as shared devices as possible, however students having a personal device to use has many advantages for continuity of work, personal storage as well as personal preference for device type.

Student Devices should meet the following minimum specifications:

- Battery   A minimum of four hours of battery life
- Browser   Devices must have a modern internet browser such as Chrome,

    Edge, Safari or Firefox
- Screen Size   11 inches minimum for Laptops and Chromebooks
- Input Device   Permanent or removable external keyboard

The School recommends that students use either a Windows or MacOS/OS based device. Chromebooks may also be used. As an Office 365 School, Windows or IOS is our preferred operating system. Minimum versions should be:

- Windows 10 or above
- MacOS - v11 or above
- IOS - v15 or above
- Chrome OS - Upgradeable to the latest version

Please treat these recommendations as a minimum specification – some, particularly specialist senior subjects, may have recommendations for device specifications that exceed these if students are considering using their own devices. Examples may include Photography and Art Design.

Looking ahead, if your student is considering bringing a digital device to School, below are some points you should consider:

- It is our advice that devices brought to School should be stored and transported in a protective bag or sleeve to minimise potential damage.
- All devices are required to have a password, lock pattern or some other sort of security protection to prevent unauthorised access.
- Devices should be brought to School fully charged – there will not be charging facilities for students' devices.
- The security of devices brought to School will be the responsibility of the student. While reasonable efforts will be made by the School to ensure the safety and security of devices brought to School, no liability for the loss or damage of a device will be held by the School. Insurance of devices is the responsibility of families. Devices and their accessories should be clearly labelled, and serial numbers recorded in a safe place in case of loss.
- All internet use is filtered and monitored by our state-of-the-art internet Firewall to ensure that students are not able to access inappropriate content on their devices via the School Network.

As technology moves and develops, so will these device specifications and recommendations. We look forward to working with our School community to make this successful and accessible for all students and their families.