



## Whakatane High School Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2016

Many of our students are already using digital devices such as laptops, tablets and smartphones outside of school to communicate and learn. We would like to make our school resources available so that the potential of those devices can be used to further enhance learning.

Students will be able to access Google Apps For Education for learning, document creation, storage and collaboration, along with other education technology, via the school network. Instructions for connecting to the school network are provided in classrooms and the Careers Room. We encourage students to take advantage of this and not use their own data plan.

It is recommended that all graduating Year 13 students save their student data to personal storage by the end of the school year, after which their student account will be deleted.

Devices must be internet capable and have the ability to create and edit common documents such as word processed documents, spreadsheets, presentations and pdfs. If families are considering purchasing devices we have some guidelines to assist in this process.

The type of device that you consider will also relate to the type of subjects that your child studies. It may be practical for new students to talk to their teachers about the learning needs within their subjects. Device configurations change regularly, as do prices, and there are a wide range of suitable devices. Most local technology retailers now offer support from education technology experts. Please seek their guidance before purchasing your child's device.

We will continue to provide ICT resources for students, but where a student has a suitable device and wishes to bring it to school, then they may do so. Student owned devices can complement the resources we are already providing.

We have prepared for BYOD with sitewide wireless, improved internet access speeds and a comprehensive firewall system to monitor and filter usage.

### **Personal Device Security**

Whakatane High School will endeavour to provide a safe environment and suitable security arrangements for those occasions when it is required. The device must be password protected. Students must set up Find My Phone or similar GPS device finder.

The security of a student-owned device is the responsibility of the student. Lockers are available with power points inside so devices can be secured and charged; students bring their own padlock.