Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Selection guidance

We now live in a digital world. Almost everything we do in our work and in our leisure time involves computers to some extent. Students, most of whom already have a computer in the form of a smart phone, will move from secondary school into jobs or further training which will almost certainly involve the use of computers. To prepare students for this world, **all** students at Wairarapa College are encouraged to bring portable computers to college to use in their learning.

Microsoft Office 365

At Wairarapa College we have chosen to be a Microsoft environment using Office365. One of the many advantages has been the ability through the Microsoft Student Advantage programme to provide **free** to our students, for the duration of their time at the college, the complete Microsoft Office software suite for install on up to five personal devices.

Device Requirements

Wairarapa College does not have any specific requirements around device selection, in terms of specific brand or type of device, opting for a more flexible arrangement. We do highly recommend that any device has a full operating system capable of supporting the Microsoft Office suite and other applications.

When choosing a device do take into consideration the battery capacity of the device, preferably it should allow for use throughout the school day without the dependence on additional or constant charging. Consideration should also be given to choosing a device which will last the length of the students learning in the college.

Minimum Specifications for Devices

- Have processor of at least 2.2GHZ or Intel Core i3 minimum or AMD equivalent
- Be internet capable and able to access the school's wireless network (Wireless 802.11n/ac)
- Have a minimum of 4GB Ram. 8GB will improve performance
- Have a readable screen, minimum of 11". Touch Screen and stylus pen highly recommended
- Have a keyboard
- Have an audio-out port and ear buds or headphones
- Have a good battery life (more than 6 hours)
- Have sufficient storage space to store documents and apps (128 GB+ SSD minimum)
- Have a USB port
- Runs Microsoft Windows 10 or Apple MacOS as its operating system
- Be lightweight enough that it can be carried easily
- Having an Antivirus installed is highly recommended

If you already have a Chromebook this will be fine for Year 9 and 10.
If you need to purchase a device, a Windows-based device is strongly recommended.