

BYOD @ Kapakapanui School

What is BYOD?

BYOD is **Bring Your Own Device**. This is available at Kapakapanui School for children in Year 5 and above. **We recommend Chromebooks** as a keyboard is essential for ease of use. Shops have competitive prices on these and are selling chromebooks for under \$350. They are light, functional, quick to start up and operate, have a keyboard and are perfect for school use. Our local colleges also use chromebooks so devices purchased at primary school can be taken onto college.

Please note that BYOD is **not compulsory** and the Board of Trustees will still continue to fund a set of 10 devices for each classroom.

How is BYOD used at school?

Children are able to bring their own device to school to use during classroom time. Each device is then logged in to the secure school network.

Children receive a school Google Gmail account and use this to log-in and access their Google Drive account. Teachers use Hapara Dashboard, a virtual classroom application, to create and share documents and give feedback directly to children around their learning. There is no software to download and all of the work is stored safely online (in the 'Cloud') and can be accessed from any computer or device at home or school. We have found this is a great way to share and collaborate online in real time.

Security, Theft or Damage

Responsibility for individual devices lies with the child and family. Children are encouraged to treat their device with care. Devices and chargers should be named and taken home each night. The school will not be held responsible for the loss of or damage to an individual device.

What does BYOD look like in the classroom?

Children are using devices with more frequency in the classroom however they are encouraged to use the best tool for the job, either pen and paper or chromebooks. They are unlikely to be using their devices for the entire school day.

We have found that many children are more engaged in learning when they are able to use devices. Devices may also overcome the barriers to learning that exist for many children eg google voice typing.

Access to devices allows children to access the internet, present learning, draft writing and create movies etc. It requires children to be able to source, search, evaluate, compare, discard and use information appropriately.

Children will be taught a range of skills, attitudes and values around technology use, including privacy, evaluating effectiveness and appropriateness of sites, respecting the rights of other, anti online bullying etc. They will develop lifelong Information Literacy, questioning and thinking skills.

Internet Safety and Security

The school uses a firewall that blocks offensive, violent, sexual, gambling and social media sites. We adjust the settings as required. We are able to control and block access to gaming sites, and can monitor the usage of individual students and staff.

Teachers devote time to teaching internet safety eg sharing passwords, accessing sites, uploading information or photos. Children and staff sign internet usage agreements.

If you have any questions please contact us at school

