

DIGITAL DEVICES AT WGHS

**WGHS requires every student to have their own Chromebook or Laptop.
(No cellphones are to be used during learning times)**

WHY DIGITAL DEVICES?

This is to ensure that students are competent with 21st century technologies and the different skills and abilities needed by young people in today's world. MOST IMPORTANTLY, all your daughter's work will be digitally set on google classroom, to enable anytime, anywhere access to learning and fast communication with teachers. Students are able to submit work, get feedback and communicate directly with the teacher using their chromebook/ laptop.

Secondly, NCEA exams are now taking place digitally and your daughter needs to be ready for this. The Digital Technologies curriculum is now compulsory in all NZ schools from 2020.

Thirdly, with the threat of Covid 19 and potential lockdowns, devices ensure the possibility of continued learning from home.

WHAT SORT OF DEVICE?

Acceptable devices to bring to secondary school need to have:

- A keyboard
- Battery life for a full school day - min 6 hrs, 8+ hrs recommended
- Minimum 11in screen
- Robust and reliable case - A protective storage bag is strongly recommended

Type of Device: any Chromebook, Windows Laptop, or MAC

Please note: AVG On-line security (Free download) is recommended (you do not need to purchase security software).

Purchasing advice:

Our experience suggests that Acer devices are very robust and reliable. That is not to say other devices are not suitable. We will put out flyers and email you information re suitable BYOD devices at education pricing from top suppliers to help you. Currently suitable devices are priced from approx \$360 up. We strongly recommend a case (from \$20). Product care extended warranties are priced from \$50.

Financial Hardship - If there is difficulty providing a device for your daughter due to financial reasons, we suggest you contact WINZ. Also the major stores will provide easy terms to pay off a device, often interest free. If these options are not available to you, please talk to the school.

WHAT TRAINING WILL STUDENTS GET?

Students will receive training and assistance to set up their devices, learn about cyber safety, and develop the skills to use them at the start of the year, and on an ongoing basis through a 21st century skills programme.

Ngā mihi

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