

CHROME BOOKS

2017 COMPULSORY BYOD FOR ALL YEAR LEVELS

Dear Parents

In 2017 we require all students to Bring Your Own Devices (BYOD) to school to support a blended approach to teaching and learning in classrooms. It is the norm in most classrooms in New Zealand.

Students in **Years 7-11** will require a Chromebook of their choice that meets the following minimum specifications:

- Be a Chromebook device
- Be robust and sturdy enough for school use
- A minimum battery life of 6 hours. There will be no charging facilities at school.
- Minimum of 4GB of RAM
- Minimum of 16 GB storage
- Be wireless
- Insured against loss or damage – the school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage occurring at school.
- Contain a Google chrome browser. We are a google classroom/app school
- Optional USB portal – Some devices do not have a USB portal. You may wish to consider this so your child may be able to load additional software you may purchase or save their work on an external hard drive when needed.

Students in **Years 12- 13** must bring a suitable device such as a Chromebook, Laptop, Netbook or Tablet that meet the following specifications:

- Be portable, robust and sturdy enough for school use.
- A minimum battery life of 6 hours. There will be no charging facilities at school
- Have a keypad
- Be wireless
- Contains anti-virus software if bringing a laptop or netbook
- Insured against loss or damage – the school will not accept responsibility for loss or damage occurring at school.
- Contain a Google chrome browser. We are a google classroom/app school
- Optional USB portal – Some devices do not have a USB portal. You may wish to consider this so your child may be able to load additional software you may purchase or save their work on an external hard drive when needed.

Please Note the Conditions:

1) We will provide help to connect to the school Wi-Fi network. Beyond that the students will need to take responsibility for their own devices for problem-solving and troubleshooting.

2) All students will be required to agree and sign an Information Technology Acceptable Use Agreement to use their devices at school.

3) To assist in the purchasing of your device St Paul's College has partnered with a number of suppliers to provide discount prices and bundle offers for your sons BYOD.

You will need to identify yourself as a St Paul's parent to obtain these benefits.

The details of these providers are on our website.