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Year 7 - 13 Digital Device Stocktake

Dear Parents/Caregivers/Students,

We are a B.Y.O.D (bring your own device) Google Suite school and believe in preparing our students for the future by providing them with opportunities to become digitally capable in a variety of ways.

The B.O.T. has set an expectation that from 2018 all students will bring their own device to school.

We now want to find out which students do have a device and whether they bring to school to use everyday.

We are going to carry out the digital device stocktake on **Friday 8th February 2019**. This will involve the students bringing their devices to school and showing them to their whanau teachers.

We have provided information and details below about what devices we recommend.

Year 7, 8 & 9

- Wi-Fi capable iPad or Android Tablet. Detachable keyboard or pen/pencil input recommended.
- Any Wi-Fi capable Laptop/Notebook (Eg. Pavilion, Acer Aspire, Toshiba Satellite, Apple Mac Book, Levona)
- Memory of 4 GB or more
- Hard drive with a minimum of 120GB - SSD hard drive technology preferred as much faster. Older laptops can significantly benefit from an SSD upgrade.
- Screen Size - Minimum of 7.9 inches diagonal (iPad mini)
- Be compact and portable to be carried around daily

Note: Small hand held devices such as iPods or Phones are **NOT** regarded as suitable devices as they do not meet the minimum screen size stipulated above.

Year 10, 11, 12 & 13

- A laptop with an attached keyboard and operating system
- (The operating system can be either Windows, MacOS or Chrome OS)
- Have Google Chrome web browser installed
- Sufficient battery life to last at least 6 hours on a single charge
- Be compact and portable to be carried around daily

Specific learning area recommendations

It is a good idea to think about upgrades if your child is considering taking these subjects to a Year 13 level.

Some learning areas may require higher specification devices. Please note that these are only recommendations. Students are still able to work within these learning areas with their current devices but may be limited to some learning opportunities that one of the recommended devices would enable, for example; in Art Design some of the software design programmes need higher specification machines to run the design software.

Art, Photography, Digital Technologies, Graphics, Mathematics and Sciences (Physics, Chemistry and Biology)

Windows	Mac OS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Intel® Core i5 or AMD Athlon®; 2 GHz or faster processor● Microsoft Windows 7 with Service Pack 1, Windows 8.1, or Windows 10● 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Intel Core i5 or i7● macOS 10.12, or higher● 4 GB of RAM (8 GB recommended)● SSD drive (recommended)
A licence to use all Adobe software is available for \$10.00 (Please pay at Student Services)	

More information about BYOD can be found on the school's website

<https://www.mahurangi.school.nz/e-learning>

If you are not sure that your device meets these specifications or have any further questions about current devices that your child has, please contact the school to discuss further:

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Thank you for your assistance with this process,

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