

## **BYOD at Wharepapa South School. Information for parents and students**



### **What is BYOD?**

This is an opportunity for students in Y4-8 to bring their own device to school. A BYOD device is one that is privately owned and used within the school context to aid learning.

At Wharepapa South School we are currently able to accept the following devices:

- iPad or iPad mini
- Chromebooks
- Laptops capable of running windows 8, or Mac Books with iOS 10.9.4 or higher; that can connect wirelessly

### **Why do we think BYOD is necessary?**

Wharepapa South provides a 21st century learning environment. As a school we are able to offer 1:3 in digital devices including computers, iPads, iPods and Chromebooks. This number of devices offers students plenty of opportunities to engage with others and use the 'best' device as a tool to aid learning.

The purpose behind older students bringing their own devices is that it allows them the opportunity to work 'anywhere, anytime'.

It gives older students opportunities to expand and extend their learning communities.

### **Who can bring BYOD?**

Any student in Y4-8 is eligible to bring their device to school once the following has been completed:

- Students and Parents to sign a BYOD procedure.
- Students and Parents to have signed an internet agreement form.
- Students and Parents to meet with the principal to ensure there is an open understanding about BYOD.
- The device is insured, has a cover and bag for transportation.
- The device has an apple ID and password (iPads only)

There are some younger students who may benefit from bringing their iPads to school. This is at teacher discretion and on a case by case basis.

Wharepapa South School plans to protect its school network and students who are unable to adhere to the guidelines will have their ability to bring devices revoked.

Things to consider:

**What happens if the device is lost, stolen or damaged?**

Students bring devices at their own risk. The school is not responsible for the loss or damage of these items. Part of bringing a device is to learn about the responsibility of looking after it.

**Who will be using the devices?**

Your child will not be encouraged to share their device with anyone else.

Children who do not have their own devices have access to school ones.

Your child is still able to use school devices to meet learning needs.

**Will my child be disadvantaged by not having their own device?**

No. There are devices that students will have access to. It is important that both parents and students are aware that they will not be disadvantaged by not having a personal device.

**How will the devices be used within the classroom?**

Children will not have access to their devices before school, morning tea and lunch -time unless they are completing work. They will still be expected to take part in P.E, other classes and school sessions.

Some children choose to complete work before school and as part of their breaks. They will be able to do this using their device.

Students will use their device to further personalise their learning.

The amount of time students spend on devices will vary day to day.

Students will not be able to access 'at home' apps even though they may be loaded on their computer. This includes Facebook, games, snapchat etc.

**Can my child access the wifi?**

Students will have access to the school wifi during school time. Devices will be set up by the principal with the password.

Students are not permitted to use their own data during school time. When they log into the school server the same privacy settings apply.

**Who pays for the apps?**

Students will be able to download school used applications that are free.

Any paid apps will be at the cost of the family as they will belong to the child after they leave Wharepapa South.

**Charging Devices**

All devices need to be charged at night ready for the school day. Children will not be permitted to bring charges to school.