

BYOD What Device Should I Buy?

We encourage all students to bring an internet capable device to Paraparaumu College to use in their learning.

We have learning material and information available through our learning website PC4Me. We also use Google Drive as a platform for sharing material and collaboration.

We will endeavour to provide access to these resources at the college for those who do not have a device. They will also be able to have full access to these resources from home via the internet.

We will not be promoting any one device or type of device but we do strongly recommend that any device brought to school should have the following minimum specifications:

- Battery life of at least 4 hours
- Wifi (Wireless networking capacity using 802.11g or n)
- An onscreen or external keyboard
- an audio-out port and earbuds or headphones
- the ability to run a web browser that will allow access to Google Apps and other learning resources
- virus protection





You may also wish to consider the following:

- a camera that will take photos and video
- a microphone
- productivity software (word processor, drawing and spreadsheeting tools) that can be used in absence of internet connection
- the capacity to run graphing calculator software
- Screen size sufficient to work on (bigger than 4 inches!)

Please feel free to contact one of the following if you have any questions

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DEVICE	STRENGTHS	LIMITATIONS
<p>Google Chromebook</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fast access to the internet ● Light ● Not susceptible to viruses ● Has a keyboard ● Update themselves automatically 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Very limited without internet access ● No touch screen ● Very limited storage on some models
<p>Tablet</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fast access to the internet ● Touchscreen ● Size and weight ● Large range of apps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lack of keyboard limits productivity ● Cost of accessories (case, keyboard) ● Limited storage
<p>Laptop</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Large storage capacity ● Wider range of software options ● Larger screen ● USB ports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Boot-up time is slower ● Not touch screen ● Needs virus protection software ● Size and weight
<p>Smartphone</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Size (portability/weight) ● Other uses (phone, camera) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Screen size usually small for reading & writing ● Not a useful tool for productivity (hard to type etc) ● Not recommended as sole device