

# BYOD – Bring your own Device 2023

Thank you for making the positive choice to send your student to Waitākere College.

Waitākere College is a BYOD school and all students are requested to participate in our BYOD programme. This means that we ask all families to provide a digital device (chromebook or similar) that will allow students to access online learning in the class and at home.

We understand that the start of the school year brings many expenses. However, it is an important part of your student's journey through the school to ensure they are able to participate equally in the teaching and learning in their class and home. For this reason we remind families that all students will need to bring their device to school every day in 2022.

**If you are eligible for assistance from WINZ, we recommend you take them this info sheet along with confirmation of your child's enrolment at Waitākere College if you wish to apply for assistance. If you have any issues accessing assistance, which you believe you are eligible for, please contact the school for further support in dealing with this. You are welcome to call the school for a meeting if you are needing support on 09 836 7890.**

## Why BYOD?

- Students are now able to use a wide range of digital tools for reading, writing, designing, working with spreadsheets, doing Maths, answering questions, Writer's Toolbox, Google Classroom, creating and researching on a daily basis.
- Ownership of a personal device by students has been shown to increase motivation and engagement.
- BYOD supports greater independence and improved critical thinking, and provides new opportunities for collaboration, sharing, engaging with communities and creativity.
- Teachers share assignments directly with students who submit work and receive teacher feedback online. This work can also be shared with friends and whanau around the world!
- The full integration of digital learning tools into our curriculum is essential to ensure our students are responsible, safe and skilled users of digital technology in the online world of which they are a part of.

## Purchasing a device

Waitākere College recommends a Google Chromebook as a suitable device for years 9 to 11. We have worked with Cyclone computers to provide a package that we recommend due to the superior Accidental Damage Cover. This allows the customer to make up to 3 claims over 3 years without any excess payable as opposed to most other suppliers who only cover for 12 months, allow only one claim and require an excess payment.

**Cyclone computers** sell through an online store only and you will need to login with the following details:  
<https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/waitakerecollege> Login: waitakerecollege Password: wcbyod

Noel Leeming, Lincoln Rd and PB Tech, Railside Ave also offer good deals for our families which offer good value for money.

## What Devices are not suitable?

- Smartphones are not adequate for this type of learning
- i-Pads and tablets are also less useful than a device with a keyboard such as a Chromebook or a laptop.
- Devices will need to be equipped for typing and editing documents, collaborating online and using internet resources and tools.

## Key requirements: we recommend:

- Light and portable
  - Have a minimum screen size of 11.6"
  - Have a keyboard
  - Have a battery that will last at least eight hours
- \* Please note that some Laptops and notebooks fall well short of this.
- \* It is not always possible for the school to provide charging facilities at school so devices must

be brought to school after being fully charged at home each night.

- Able to connect to the school's wireless network
- Robust and sturdy enough for school use
- Under warranty - to ensure that any failure of the hardware, 4GB RAM, or components can be quickly remedied
- Have a protective case
- Insured against loss or damage (including Accidental Damage Cover – 3 years, multiple claims recommended)

Please note that the school will guide students in keeping devices safe at school, but will not accept responsibility for any loss or damage.

## Support

We will provide help to connect to the school network. If there is something that is not working with your device, it is best to bring it to school in the first instance and ask a teacher for help. However, beyond that students will need to take responsibility for their own devices for problem solving or troubleshooting. If necessary you will need to refer to a technician or to the supplier where you bought the device.

We make lockers available and offer an engraving service at the start of the year for a reasonable cost so that students can keep their devices secure.

## Questions?

If you have any other questions please email our Deputy Principal in charge of BYOD and e-Learning Mrs Coup on [cj@waitakerecollege.school.nz](mailto:cj@waitakerecollege.school.nz)

***As there is a significant cost with these devices, you may wish to look at putting it on layby or some other type of payment plan in order to have it paid for by the beginning of the school year***



## Waitākere College BYOD Bundle

In partnership with Cyclone, Waitākere College has tailored BYOD bundles available for students. Bundle includes:

- BYOD Device of your choice from Cyclone's Waitākere College Portal
- 3 Year Manufacturer's Warranty
- 3 Year Material Damage & Loss Insurance with no Excess\*
- NVS 10-12" Hard Shell Case – Black

***\*Provident Insurance's Electronic Goods Material Damage Insurance covers; accidental damage, theft, burglary, fire and loss. Zero excess applies. Max 3 claims over the 3-year term.***

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To place your BYOD Order:  
[byod.cyclone.co.nz/waitakerecollege](http://byod.cyclone.co.nz/waitakerecollege)  
Username: waitakerecollege  
Password: wcbyod

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Alternatively, call Cyclone on 0800 686 686 to order, or discuss other options. Their online portal has a tailored selection of accessories. WINZ support available. WINZ # CUR001297943



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