

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

A GUIDE FOR PARENTS

Newton Moore Senior High School provides a comprehensive Information Technology (IT) Infrastructure to support learning in the digital age. The school provides internet access and extensive wireless coverage across the whole school.

It is our expectation that students from all year groups bring their own device to support learning in our school. BYOD means you can bring an appropriate laptop or tablet to school and use it in classes and for study purposes.

WHAT TO BUY?

Required / Recommended Technical Specifications:

- Antivirus software – Required.
- Wi-Fi, 802.11ac wireless protocol – Required.
- Battery life-at least 5 hours of battery life – Recommended.
- USB ports – Recommended.
- Minimum screen size-at least 9.7 diagonal inches – Recommended.
- Windows 10 – Recommended.
- Minimum 8GB RAM – Recommended.
- Minimum 256GB hard drive size – Recommended.
- Keyboard-inbuilt or external keyboard – Recommended.



Other Considerations

- Easy portability-what weight/size can fit into my child's bag.
- A bag which is suitable for carrying and protecting your child's device.
- Sturdiness-is the device going to withstand daily use, in and out of a bag, to and from school.
- Warranty period.
- Processor capacity and memory-consider what software/applications are needed
- A backup hard drive so your child has a backup copy of the work they store on their device.
- Price-affordability is important to the family budget. Don't get talked into buying a device that has features that won't be used. Devices in the \$400-\$1000 range are adequate for most student's needs.

NOTE Smartphones are unsuitable for learning activities because of their small screen size.

INSURANCE

As personal property is not covered under the school's insurance, we **STRONGLY** recommend that any BYOD device is covered fully under your own personal house/contents insurance arrangements. When purchasing you may also wish to consider buying an extended warranty.

CONNECTING TO THE SCHOOL NETWORK

The use of BYOD devices on the school network carries with it certain obligations and responsibilities of the student to operate the device in line with the school ICT Resources, BYOD, Mobile Phone and Online Services Acceptable Use Agreement for Students.