Pukekohe High School BYOD Requirements 2025

Teenaa koe,

All students will use a device as part of their learning. We ask for caregiver support to ensure that students have access to devices. From this year all NZQA examinations will be digital, and students will require a device to sit these exams.

As a school, we don't mandate a particular device because individual student needs may differ. We do, however, suggest you consider carefully the following minimum specifications for a suitable digital device:

- Standard Intel (please do not purchase an Intel Celeron laptop*) or Apple (current release or 2-3 years old only**)
- 128GB (Windows/Apple) SSD – minimum
- 8GB RAM – minimum
- Windows 10 Home or Windows 11 Home (not in S mode – students must be able to install Teams, Adobe Reader, VLC, Chrome) or Apple Mac OS
- Wireless networking capability using 802.11g or n
- Five (5) hours of use from one battery charge
- Large screen (10 inches minimum) sufficient to work with documents to create and edit content
- Ability to run a web browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Edge) that will allow it to access internet and other learning resources
- Lightweight but robust enough to handle daily use
- Comes with protective carry case
- Chrome Books (compatible with the PHS network but **not recommended**): Intel Celeron Dual Core/Quad Core, 1GHz, 4GB RAM, 64GB Hard Disk, Wi-Fi, Camera

*Intel Celeron laptops run too slowly and may impede students' ability to complete their work

** Apple laptops older than 2-3 years may not permit use of Teams/Office

The school will provide an account for Office 365 for all students. This can be installed on up to five (5) devices and will give access to all MS Office 365 in a web browser or on their device.

Given the above guidelines, we suggest you seriously consider a full-function Windows laptop. Local and online suppliers are aware of our recommendations and will help you choose the right device for your student, its use at school and your budget.

We have a limited supply Ministry of Education devices that we can loan out to students; however, we prioritise our senior year 12 and 13 students.

Nāku nā,

Suzanne Powar – Deputy Principal