Takapuna Normal Intermediate School

Device Guide 2017

Digital competency is a key component of learning at Takapuna Normal Intermediate School. It is our goal to integrate technology across the curriculum, making it authentic and allowing students to engage in higher level, collaborative learning.

Deciding what device is best is dependent on several factors, including how IT literate your family is. Experience has taught us what works best for our school environment.

Operating System	Recommend	Features
Chromebook (Chrome OS)	**Highly**	- Can run Google Chrome - Can run Google Education Suite - TNIS is a Google School - Simple to operate - Affordable
Windows Laptop (Windows 10)	**Yes**	- Versatile in features - Wide range of options - Can run Google Chrome - Can run Google Education Suite
Apple Laptop (Apple OS)	**Yes**	- High spec device - Expensive as a new device - Can run Google Chrome - Can run Google Education Suite
iPad	**No**	- No keyboard. - Lacks collaborative features - Struggles with Google Education Suite
Tablets (All other versions)	**No**	- No keyboard - Variation in styles and specifications. - Struggles with Google Education Suite

As a BYOD (**Bring Your Own Device**) school all students are strongly encouraged to bring a device to help support their learning.

These devices should adhere to the TNIS minimum specifications (see below), including being Wi-Fi capable.

All students will sign the digital citizenship agreement.

Minimum requirements:

- Must have at least a 10" screen.
- Be Wi-Fi capable.
- Keyboard—onscreen or portable (must be able to type).
- Antivirus and operating system updates installed and up to date.

Why are devices important?

As a Google for Education School, TNIS uses devices across the curriculum. We aim to take learning beyond the classroom and give students greater access to learning opportunities. Devices give students more flexibility in their learning and allow collaboration between peers and teachers as well as bringing learning home.

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