

BYMC
Bring Your Managed Chromebook.



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Our children are using devices more regularly in their learning and in the sharing of their learning with their whanau. With the implementation of the new Digital Technologies Curriculum and the improved abilities of our students to use devices for learning we are finding it is necessary to have more than one group using devices at a time. We simply do not have the computers available to do this.

To meet our growing need it is strongly recommended in 2019 for students in Year 4&5 to bring their own chromebook to school to work on. In 2020 we are aiming for all students in Years 3-6 have their own chromebook. We understand some families have already purchased I pads and we are happy for your children to continue using them.

We have always had a good balance between online learning and pen and paper learning. We fully understand the research supporting the use of writing in the development of the brain and this important skill will not be neglected.

Otonga School currently has a BYOD policy in place as well as a clear e-values learning agreement. We will be changing to a BYMC Policy - Bring your managed chromebook. The difference here is that we want the students to only bring chromebooks from now on. We will pay for and manage the chrome license for each child's device. This will establish that chromebooks are used for learning purposes only and ensure the online safety for our students at school and at home.

On Wednesday 5th September at 5:30pm there will be a meeting in the hall at school for all parents and caregivers of children who will be Year 4 or Year 5 in 2019.

We look forward to seeing you then.

The E-learning Team
Otonga School.