BYOD Devices (netbooks or laptops) will be used by all students in Y5 – Y13

The BYOD device purchased / loaned / borrowed or already owned needs to be robust, so we suggest you stick to the major proven brands, and that you have guaranteed support in the form of a warrantee, so if purchasing, it should be from a large established retailer.

In order for the device to be useful for several years, the school has put forward some minimum specifications and also some further recommendations as follows:

Minimum Specifications:

- Minimum screen size of 10 inches (25 cm) as measured across the diagonal of the display.
- The battery of the device must ensure it can be used for a school day without recharging.
- It must have a proper keyboard (not just an on-screen touch keyboard)
- It must be in a case or carry-bag for protection.

Further recommended specifications:

- Students in Years 11, 12 or 13 (NCEA) **must** have a computer running Windows, macOS (Apple Mac) or Chromebook. Linux and iOS (iPad) devices are not compatible with the NCEA exam software.
- Preferably, the device should run the Windows operating system, although macOS (Apple Mac) computers are also acceptable.
- Please note Chromebook, iPad or Tablet computers may not be compatible with software that is used in some Secondary subjects i.e DVC, Art, Photography, Digital Technology.

If you are unable to purchase / loan / borrow a device it may be possible to borrow one from the school, in which case please contact the Principal. He is happy to answer any specific questions on this topic.

Nick de Roo, teacher of Digital Technologies is also happy to answer any questions you have about the BYOD program:

Nick de Roo nickderoo@rnls.school.nz

Suitable BYOD devices examples include:

We are reluctant to include a list of suitable devices since there are so many. It always pays to look out for specials which come up regularly. You may also be able to get a free carry-bag and insurance is recommended.

Lenovo IdeaPad 1 14"- Entry Level Laptop
Available from PBTech

Dell 15 Laptop PC - Mid Level Laptop
Available from Noel Leeming

Lenovo IdeaPad Flex 5 14" - Mid-High Level Laptop
Available from PBTech
The above devices are only suggestions and are not a requirement. We highly recommend devices with SSD storage.

Computer Software
Licences for Microsoft 365 & Adobe Creative Cloud are provided to students free of charge.

Adobe Creative Cloud is only available to high school students, dependent on subject choice
The subject list & installation instructions are available here: https://connect.rnls.school.nz/adobe