

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Information for Parents and Students



At Wainui Intermediate students are able to bring their own portable IT devices to school to use in the classroom to support their learning.

Devices and Software

Students can bring tablets, laptops and netbooks. We are not recommending brands or platforms as we wish to give parents choice, but Wainui School has traditionally been an Apple school, with the teachers more familiar with the Apple platform. Gaming consoles are not permitted. Devices must have up-to-date antivirus and internet security software. It is not necessary to purchase expensive application software as free options such as open source or cloud based applications are perfectly acceptable for classroom use. Wainui Intermediate students will be set up with a Google Account managed and monitored by Wainui School for school/educational use, which will use email, cloud-based storage and applications.

Security

Wainui School will do their best to provide a safe and secure environment for student devices, but students will need to know where their device is at all times and leave it secured when unattended. Students will have lockers to keep their devices safe during the day and a device should only be used by the owner and be clearly named. Parents should check with their insurer to see what level of protection is provided.

Student Responsibility

Students will need to look after their devices and treat them with care. They should ensure that they bring them to school fully charged as they will be expected to work in battery mode. Important work will need to be backed up either to another device (e.g. memory stick, external drive) or to the internet. If students cannot access work on their device they will need to work in the traditional way. Students should be familiar with and abide by all aspects of the Cybersafety Agreement, which they have read and signed. A copy of this can be accessed from the Wainui Intermediate tab on the school website.

Classroom Use

The device is to support the students learning for educational purposes. Students will not be permitted to listen to music or communicate with each other during lessons unless directed by a teacher. Headphones can be used when watching video clips. Non-compliance and off-task behaviour will be managed in accordance with the Wainui School Behavioural Policy and the Cybersafety Agreement.

The Network

All students have access to a wireless connection at school which provides them with access to the Internet. We have sophisticated filtering in place to prevent access to inappropriate material but the ultimate responsibility rests with the user. All internet traffic is monitored and can be tracked to an individual.

Cyberbullying

Wainui School has a zero tolerance of all forms of bullying. Any bullying should be reported immediately so that it can be dealt with.

Printing

Wainui School cannot provide printing services for students from their own devices. They will need to print via the classroom teacher, who will discuss printing options with the students.

Additional information can be found on the NetSafe website www.netsafe.org.nz/ua

Please complete the form below and return to your child's classroom teacher.

Wainui School - Bring Your Own Devices



I have read and agree with the conditions Wainui School has specified for students bringing their own devices to school and agree that my child can bring their own device.

Parent's Name: _____

Parent's Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____