

Bring Your Own Device 2015



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Earlier this year we shared our ICT plans for 2015 and beyond. As discussed, from the beginning of 2015, our Intermediate school (Year 7 and 8) will be BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). What this means is that children will need to provide their own personal digital learning device for use at school, as the school will not be providing these.

Wainui School will not be specifying what device the children need to bring as that is a choice for the family to make. The only requirement we have is that the screen size is no smaller than 7.9 inches (diagonal), which is the display size of an iPad Mini. Anything smaller makes it difficult for the children to work effectively.

Over the past 4 years we have provided iPads for the children to use and have found them to be extremely reliable, with a very good battery life, screen size, and App store. All of the teachers have an iPad for personal use, so have the some knowledge and capability to assist the children if needed. Ultimately, the devices are the responsibility of the children, so the children must know how to use them, look after them, and keep them safe.

Noel Leeming in Silverdale have a selection of devices suitable for use at school. You can pay them a visit and take advantage of the great deals they have by mentioning that you are purchasing it for use at Wainui School.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact me via email at jjirvine@wainui.school.nz

Sincerely,

Jason Irvine

Assistant Principal