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To whom it may concern,

Whangaparāoa College is a BYOD school. We expect all of our learners to bring their own device to use each day to improve engagement and achievement in their learning.

Recommended Devices for Year 7 - 13 for the 2025 school year

- Whangaparāoa College recommend a laptop
- Windows 10 devices are recommended
- Year 11 – Year 13 may not require professional level software, however some courses require professional level software and therefore have a preference for a laptop with higher specifications.

Please see below Whangaparāoa College minimum specifications for learners devices:

- Wireless network capability – 802.11 g/n/ac
- 10” screen or larger
- Minimum of 4 hours of use from one battery charge
- External/Wireless keyboard for tablets /iPads (not an onscreen keyboard)
- Be able to run full functioning web browser (we recommend Chrome)
- Virus Protection Software (eg AVG, Zonealarm)
- Camera
- Photo and video editing capability
- Please note if a device does not have a camera – a phone camera would be sufficient, however note that a phone cannot be used as a fully functional device
- Please note that if you are purchasing an ‘S mode’ device this restricts the installation of apps outside of the Microsoft store and unfortunately our papercut printing app is not in the store so if ‘S mode’ is turned on then they will not be able to print at school (‘S mode’ can be turned off but once off cannot be turned back on).

Nga mihi

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