



## PĀPĀMOA COLLEGE is BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Beginning in 2022, all students will be required to have a laptop or chromebook for learning at Pāpāmoa College. (Please note that iPads and smartphones are not suitable.)

### WHY?

Given the uncertain nature of a post-COVID world, we want to encourage and enable learning that can happen ANYWHERE, at ANY TIME, and in a way that allows all learners to reach their highest potential. Students learning with one to one devices will allow us, as a school, to develop digitally literate citizens who will be best placed for using technology in their worlds outside of school in a considered and responsible way.



Our kaiako / teachers will continue to share learning activities and grow our online presence through the use of the Google Classroom platform to support learning and assessment. This will allow our students access learning seamlessly, whether at home or at school.

### CHALLENGES

We understand that there are a number of factors that make getting devices into the hands of every learner challenging. Financial hardship (due to COVID or other) and having multiple children at the kura / school are legitimate tensions our whānau will encounter in acquiring devices. As such, we want to support whānau in being able to ensure each student has a device. If you need support with accessing a device for your child please [register here](#).

### RECOMMENDED DEVICES

As a main device, a compact laptop (approximately 11" screen) or Chromebook will most likely be the best fit for our ākonga (students) e.g (E.g. HP Pavillion, Acer Aspire, Toshiba Satellite, Apple MacBook/Air, Chromebook, SurfacePro). The screen is big enough to support production of multimedia material, but compact enough to be mobile. The most important factors to consider when purchasing a device are:

Here are some more specific specifications:

- Any wi-fi capable laptop or netbook less than 3 years old
- Battery Life: Needs to last 5-6 hours to be able to get through a school day without recharging.
- Weight: Should be light enough for your child to carry around all day.
- Keyboard: Devices must have a keyboard (tablets with on-screen keypads are not suitable).
- Wireless: Must be dual-band capable, and state that it has a/g/n or a/b/g/n
- RAM: Should be 2GB or more, or else programmes may be much slower to run.
- CPU: Faster is usually better, but may also reduce battery life.
- Robustness: A device should be strong enough to survive a fall onto a hard surface.
- Insurance: While we take care to protect students' property, we cannot accept responsibility for devices lost or stolen, so make sure it is covered for these possibilities.

Pāpāmoa College has partnered with [PB Tech](#) and [Noel Leeming](#) to provide options for families / whānau. \* Please note that an iPad, Tablet or Smartphone are not appropriate as mobile operating systems lack the capability required.

If you are not sure that your device meets these specifications or have any further questions about current devices that your child has, please contact the school to discuss further: [enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz](mailto:enquiries@papamoacollege.school.nz)