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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Re: Year 7 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) 2024

This year coming, Blue Mountain College is transitioning BYOD into our Year 7 classes. This means that your 2024 Year 7 student(s) will need access to a laptop for school. This laptop would become the student's personal property. If they already have a Chromebook or similar (from primary school), that will be sufficient for their schooling till Year 9.

If your child does not have a Chromebook, you can follow this link through PB Tech: <https://www.pbtech.co.nz/product/NBKLEN820064/Lenovo-100e-G3-Chromebook-116-HD-Intel-Celeron-N51> or scan this QR on your mobile device to get one for your child.



As the Chromebook is sufficient for the 2024 Year 7's, it is not necessary for a higher end laptop until Year 9. Below is information about what will be required for your child at Year 9 if you decide to get this instead of the chromebook.

The laptop would need to have the *Windows10* operating system. We would also recommend a PC laptop over a Mac or Apple as PCs are more compatible with our school system for printing and other options. Attached are recommended laptops for Blue Mountain College students from [PB Tech](#). Otherwise, we recommend the following specifications below:

- Windows 10 (preferred operating system)
- At least an i5/2.2GHZ Processor or equivalent.
- 8GB of RAM minimum

- 124GB SSD storage recommended
- Wireless capability and keyboard
- A minimum of 6-hour battery life

Students can download Word, PowerPoint etc. free from their school email at Office 365. We can show them how to do this. For accessing assistive technology, we recommend students bring headphones daily.

The laptop will be the responsibility of the student. It is recommended that devices are covered by insurance for accidental damage; although, there are lockers available for storage during break times. Also, it is recommended to have a robust case.

We realise that purchasing a laptop is not financially possible for all our parents. If this is your situation, please contact the school for alternative arrangements to be made on an individual basis.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school or me directly at tnguyen@bmc.school.nz.

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