

BYOD At Newlands Intermediate

Newlands Intermediate is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) school. Students will be able to bring laptops, chromebooks, tablets or iPads to use for educational purposes.

We are a well resourced school with good access to digital devices, BYOD is an optional extra for those students who would like to use their own device to support their learning.

Device Guide

Devices must:

- be either a tablet, iPad, netbook, laptop, ultrabook or chromebook.
Smartphones are not considered appropriate for BYOD at Newlands Intermediate
- have a screen size no smaller than 7 inches (measured on the diagonal).
- be wifi capable .
- in the case of Windows devices, have up-to-date antivirus protection.
- have word processing and internet browsing software

Other things to consider include:

- size and weight of the device as it will be travelling to and from school each day
- whether it has a camera (useful though not necessary)
- protective covering

While look forward to the educational opportunities that BYOD will bring, participation in this initiative is voluntary. Your child will not be left out if they do not have a device. Newlands Intermediate will continue to provide access to school owned technology.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

BYOD Supporting Information

Educational Activities

Student devices will be used to access resources, complete projects, and support learning. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analyzing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device is at the sole discretion of the teacher.

Digital Citizenship

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

Safe and Secure

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students. They will not be permitted to use a personal broadband connection such as a 3G/4G phone network. As well, students will only be able to use their device under the direct supervision of their teacher. Devices will be kept locked in the classroom at morning tea and lunchtime as we believe these should be times for physical exercise and social interaction.

Responsibility

Students are solely responsible for their device. They must bring it fully charged to school. Similar to other personally owned items, the school is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

Technical Support

Resources will be provided to help students connect their device to the school network. Your child must be familiar with how to use their device. Teachers will incorporate the use of your child's device into learning. However, they will not provide technical support.

Contract

All students bringing their own devices must complete a BYOD contract (available in the first week of school). This must be signed by both parent and student and will be kept by the teacher for the school year. This contract explains the expectations of use for BYOD at school.