

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD)

We are a BYOD School.

So, if your child has a device of their own at home, we encourage you to let them bring it to and from school each day, for their exclusive use in their classroom.

If they do not have a device at home, but you are thinking about getting them one, we'd encourage you to do so and to let them bring it to and from school each day.

If money is a barrier

We understand that WINZ/MSD offers financing for families on lower incomes. In order to access this, we believe you do not need to be a WINZ client and that as part of this finance, no interest is charged. More information about this offer can be found [here](https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/children/school-costs.html), or at <https://www.workandincome.govt.nz/eligibility/children/school-costs.html>

Why we think technology will support your child's learning at school and at home

Technology and devices support learners to engage, progress and achieve in 21st Century learning environments.

Digital tools

- help overcome barriers of distance and time
- capture and engage student interest and motivation
- provide new and different ways of learning
- provide access to resources that cater for individual, cultural or developmental differences
- enhance opportunities to further develop children's learning journeys

Digital technologies are used by our learners to

- access knowledge
- bring the 'outside world' into the classroom
- participate in virtual learning opportunities
- collaborate with others
- create digital records of their learning to share

Te Kāpehu Riccarton School strives to provide equitable access to devices. Devices owned by the school are distributed across teams and classes according to a ratio, based on the number of learners divided by the number of devices available.

We will never be able to buy enough devices for every learner to have access at all times, so they will always have to share with 2 to 4 other learners, unless they are able to bring their own device. Every device a learner brings to school themselves, means fewer children having to share from amongst the devices the school can afford to supply.

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Teams Kāpuka and Kahikatea manage classwork through Google Classroom. The students use their school Google accounts to access this learning platform, and can do so while at school, at home, during school hours, or even outside school hours. This makes this platform great during these current times.

All teachers check and monitor their learners' online activity, ensuring safe online practices are followed.

Please check this link for information about [Te Kāpehu Riccarton School's Bring Your Own Device \(BYOD\) agreement](#) (as per the accompanying information).

Thinking of Purchasing a Device?

We use two main types of devices; iPads (in Team Patiti) and Chromebooks (Team Kāpuka and Kahikatea). At this point the school is providing some iPads needed for junior learners.

Recommended devices for learners in Teams Kāpuka and Kahikatea, should you wish to purchase one:

A Chromebook with at least:

- 4gb of RAM (for speed)
- A 32gb SSD (for storage)
- Intel processor - 4 core
- an 11" display
- A physical keyboard
- all day battery life
- Google Chrome browser installed (or Edge Chromium)
- WiFi capability - networking standard WLAN **802.11ac**

Chromebooks and iPads are available to purchase from many local retail stores including PB Tech, Harvey Norman and Noel Leemings. All of these retailers have packages and preferential pricing for schools and students so do tell them you are buying your device to use at Te Kāpehu Riccarton School. Please be aware that with the current COVID-19 epidemic, stock levels can be quite low and devices may need to be ordered into the country.

We have aligned our device recommendations with Riccarton High School and provided the device is looked after, it will be suitable for use at High School too.

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Insurance:

Te Kāpehu Riccarton School takes no responsibility for damage to your child's device while it is at school. We will take all effective precautions to ensure its safety but the responsibility of care lies with the student. If you are thinking of purchasing a new device from a local retail store, it is important that you consider some of the extended warranty / Insurance offers from retailers. Contents Insurance will normally cover these devices, but you would need to check this with your insurer.

What Whānau can do at Home to Make Devices Safer:

Linewize is a service which we use at school to ensure learners have a safe, seamless experience on their devices. They also offer recommendations for parents at home [here](#), or at <https://www.linewize.com/community>

Concerns about Devices and your Child:

If you have any concerns about your child's device usage please don't hesitate to reach out to [NetSafe](#), at <https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>
They are an organisation that supports safe internet usage in Aotearoa.

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Te Kāpehu Riccarton School BYOD Agreement

To the parent/caregiver/legal guardian, please:

1. Read this page carefully with your child to check that you both understand your responsibilities under this agreement.
2. Sign all sections on the form that apply to you or your tamariki/child.
3. Cut the appropriate section and return it to the classroom teacher of your tamariki.
4. Keep a copy at home for your records.

School responsibilities:

At Te Kāpehu Riccarton School we will;

- Encourage safe and effective use of technology and the internet through applications such as Classwize and Linewize.
- Work within the schools digital technology guidelines.
- Provide clear rules and expectations around (student owned) devices that are brought from home.
- Provide safe, locked storage of your device where necessary during the day.

If a student breaches any part of this agreement, they may lose the privilege of bringing their own device to school, and the schools Positive Behaviour for Learning management programme will be invoked.

Parent/Caregiver and Student Responsibilities:

1. Follow the school's digital technology rules.
2. Use my device when and where my kaiako/teacher allows.
3. Only access the internet with a teacher's permission and presence.
4. Be aware of the contents and files that are stored on the student devices.
5. Understand that through Classwize, teachers are able to see the files and the content that the learners are accessing on their devices.
6. Not share their device with other learners.
7. Keep a record of the device's details (model, serial number).
8. Arrange insurance cover for the device, including while it is at school.
9. Charge the device every night at home (as it will not be able to be charged at school during the day).

Please detach the following portion and return it to school.



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In 2023, my child will be bringing their own device to school for the purposes of using it as a learning tool.

I have read the BYOD (Bring your own device) Agreement. I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cyber-safe learning environment, including my child's responsibilities and my own responsibilities

Student's Name: _____ Student's Signature: _____

Student's 2023 Year Level: _____

Student's 2023 Teacher: _____

Parent/Caregiver/
Legal Guardian's
Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver/
Legal Guardian's
Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____