



Avonhead School offers students the option of bringing their own personalised devices to school during the learning day for the students in Years 5 to 8. Through years of investigating and researching best teaching and learning practices, we at Avonhead School have adopted the BOTD (Bring Only These Devices) model. Follow the link to our BYOD site if you wish to see our journey and the reasons we have made this decision.

<https://sites.google.com/a/avonhead.school.nz/avonhead-school-byod/research>

In 2021, we will continue to allow the **Year 5 to 8** students to bring **iPads**. Last year we extended the programme to include Chromebooks or Apple MacBooks and will continue to do so. These will be the **only** devices that our current systems will support.

There are pro's and con's to both, both with cost and functionality. As a school we see the huge benefits that the iPad accessibility and creativity suite has for student learning and our staff will continue to take part in professional learning around best utilising these tools, particularly as we implement the new Digital Technologies Curriculum. There are also options for purchasing attachable keyboards and styluses for the iPad.

However we understand the affordability of Chromebooks and how they too support the Google Ecosystem that our senior students work within. All of our contributing high schools support both devices. We have partnered with Noel Leeming to offer our community some deals on a few device options that you can find on the brochures attached.

Should you wish to have your child bring in a device, we will need to set it up in our system. Your child will also be required to sign a BYOD User Agreement before using the device in the classroom.