
Digital Device Use At Murrays Bay 2024 and Beyond

Kia ora Whanau and MBPS Community

Background: What is the change?

From **2025** we are going to ask caregivers of children in Year 4 (where possible) to please provide a Chromebook for their children to bring to school as our new prescriptive 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) policy.

Requested Chromebook Specifications

"At the time of this writing, you should be looking for a Chromebook with 4Gb of RAM (8Gb is better) and a quad-core processor. Chromebooks don't have much internal storage (typically 32Gb) but that's fine since most of the work done will be over the internet and stored there.

Touch screens are optional but add to the price. They make sense if you're using Android apps which rely on touch a lot, but if you don't, we'd give it a miss and save some money.

Chromebooks vary in price greatly and you get what you pay for. It's possible to get a Chromebook suitable for student needs for under \$500 although you can spend more for better build quality, more storage, a larger screen and faster processors. "

PB Tech, JB Hi-Fi and Noel Leeming are all competitive Chrome book suppliers.

Background: So WHY the change?

After an analysis of our previous BYOD process, we have worked out that for a range of reasons the school would benefit from asking parents of students in years 4, 5 and 6 to use a Chromebook for learning.

What does it mean for you?

- Caregivers of children in Year 4, 5 and 6 of 2024 and their remaining years at Murrays Bay Primary School: No change.
- Caregivers of children in Year 3 in 2024:
 - **No need to buy a device for next year** as was communicated at the end of 2023. We will inform you about requirements at the end of 2024 when your child is preparing for their year 4 year.
- Caregivers of children in Year 0-2 in 2024: Your child will continue to be taught (as part of the curriculum) on school-provided i-Pads and other digital technologies in preparation for when they reach year 4.

Should you have any questions in regards to this please feel free to contact Paul Hoffman (paul@murraysbay.school.nz) to arrange a meeting.

