2023 Bring Your Own Device

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Next year the school will continue with its Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program which has been endorsed by the School Board as an option for students from Years 4-6. We would like to make it clear that bringing your own device is optional. While we can see the benefits of being able to bring your own device to school, we understand that there are also many factors that you will have to consider when deciding whether to provide a device or not. We would like to assure you that your child will not be disadvantaged if the decision is not to provide a device.

We are currently working with Stott and Hoare to provide a full service option to purchase a device, which will include a 3 year warranty, a dedicated help desk, repair collection/delivery service, and flexible payment options. Information will be available on our website shortly. Alternatively, you are welcome to source your own device from a retailer of your choice.

If you are to provide a device, the school requires the device to meet certain specifications, along with the student and parent signing the Student BYOD agreement. Devices that are Windows based are usually a good option and recently Chromebooks have been a great option as they meet all the requirements for school and are generally a lower cost option for parents.

For a **Windows or Apple device**, the minimum standard device for Newborough will have the following:

- Dual Core (2Ghz) Processor (minimum) ie *Intel Celeron processor*
- 4Gb RAM
- 2 USB ports
- *Must be Windows 10 or 11 if running Microsoft Operating System*
- Dual Band Wireless. (preferred)
- 128Gb SSD Hard Drive (preferred)
- Software: Windows 10 comes with a built in Antivirus (Windows Defender), Apple products may require an Antivirus installed.
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For a **Chromebook**, the minimum will be:

- 4Gb RAM
- Dual Core Processor

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Specifications that are not essential but are nice to have include:

- Touch screen
- Front and/or rear facing cameras
- Stylus
- Increased RAM, Hard Drive and/or improved processor ie Intel i3/i5/i7

Through the Department of Education's arrangement with Microsoft, students are provided with a suite of Microsoft Office 365 programs at no cost. Please do not purchase Office 365 as students will set this up at school at the start of 2023.

Teachers will run through the process of setting up their computer for school use and their Office 365 account at the start of the year so there is no stress for you to do so at prior to the start of the year.

For further information regarding 2023 devices please visit our website www.newboroughps.wa.edu.au. If you have any further questions don't hesitate to contact me at Nick.Stenhouse@education.wa.edu.au, or ring to make an appointment.

Regards

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