

**BRING YOUR OWN TECHNOLOGY (BYOT)**

**Year 4-6**

Tuesday, 7th February, 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

This year we are encouraging learners in Years 4-6 to bring their own device if they have one available.

Digital technology tools are regularly used for learning in our spaces.

The higher level of access to technology is accompanied by an approach to teaching, consistent with our school charter, fostering a range of self-management, critical thinking and communication skills. Your child will be actively engaged in setting goals for their learning and taking responsibility for achieving them.

Please again discuss the contents of the ‘Responsible Use Agreement’, which you have all signed.

If your child is new to St Ignatius, this form would have been returned with all other Enrolment Forms.

Your child may bring a digital device, which remains your property. The device will travel between home and school each day and it will be your child’s responsibility to make sure it is fully charged and available for learning when required.

I-pads, tablets, laptops, including Chromebooks are suitable.

NB Phones and i-pods are **not** suitable.

Apple devices will require an iTunes account in order to download suggested apps. All apps required for school at this stage will be at minimal/no cost to you. We will be using Google Apps for Education and Hapara <http://hapara.com/> so it would be good if all devices brought to school already have Google Chrome downloaded.

Children will be using their individual stignatius email account for learning purposes only. Within the Hapara framework teachers can monitor all activity.

Each learning space has a limited number of laptops, i-pads and Chromebooks for children to access if they do not bring their own device.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me jpenney@stignatius.school.nz

Kind Regards

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