

BYOD Information

Kia ora whānau of Year 4 - 6 students for 2025!



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At Mangaroa School, students in Year 4-6 are able to bring their devices to school to support their learning.

The following slides should give you some key information about devices at school. If you have any additional questions, please contact your child's classroom teacher.



Frequently asked questions



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Why do we use devices?

- Digital Technology is part of the New Zealand Curriculum
- To prepare kids for the future
- It is another way to monitor students learning in real time
- Easy sharing of resources with students
- Develop student self management and time management skills
- Engage our learners!
- Reduce paper waste



How are devices used?

Devices are embedded within the classroom programme. We say 'get your stuff ready for maths!' and some students grab a device, just the same as they would an exercise book. This can change daily and even between lessons.

- As a way to develop a wide range of digital literacy skills
- Sharing of resources, documents etc
- Create more fluidity of access between home and school.
- Another way to collect real-time, formative data during lessons to provide relevant and meaningful feedback about student learning
- Share work with home via google or Hero etc.
- To support better learning outcomes in areas such as basic facts
- Develop collaborative work
- To research and present



Will my child still use a pencil/pen and paper?

Absolutely! There is certainly still a need for students to be able to write legibly and ample opportunity to practise this skill will be given within the classroom. Devices in a learning space are there to complement and enhance learning which is already taking place and are not used for all lessons all day long.



How do you monitor students are being safe online?

Regardless of if a student has their own device or not, anyone accessing the internet at Mangarua School is asked to sign an Acceptable Usage Policy agreeing to use the device safely.

Consequences for breaching the agreement:

- Locked out of their account by Mrs Harrison or Mr Steere for an appropriate amount of time determined by them.
- A new Acceptable Usage Agreement will need to be signed by both the student and their caregiver before access is allowed again.



ACCEPTABLE USAGE POLICY FOR USE OF TECHNOLOGY AT MANGAROA SCHOOL

(Including the Internet)

Rationale

Information Communication Technologies provide an opportunity for students to broaden and enhance their learning opportunities. Students will be assisted to select appropriate tools and to develop the skills they need to find and choose useful information and to decide how valuable the information is for their purpose. They will also be taught safe practices when using the Internet.

All students will be required to sign this Acceptable Usage Agreement

I understand that:

1. School computers are to be used only to support teaching and learning
2. Cell phones are turned off and locked in the class cupboard during school hours.
3. I must always use my own username and password while accessing the internet or email
4. When I am at school I must use my school account
5. I am forbidden to access, view or pass on offensive or inappropriate material
6. I must never subscribe to any newsletters, chat rooms, memberships etc. with my school account
7. The computers are a shared resource and must not be tampered with
8. **All of my internet usage will be logged, monitored and filtered**
9. I need to report any damage or faulty computer hardware and will be liable for any costs incurred to replace or repair computer hardware that is damaged as a result of wilful or careless behaviour
8. **The Internet can only be accessed when a teacher is actively supervising Internet use.**
9. Access and use of Mangaroa School email from home is covered under this agreement (i.e. logged, monitored, filtered, appropriate material)

I understand how important it is to:

1. Respect the copyrights on music and software. Downloading games, illegal or copyright music or software will not be permitted
2. Not waste computer resources. e.g. paper
3. Remove immediately from the screen (within 5 seconds) any material that would not be allowed at school that I accidentally come across and tell the teacher straight away
4. Be responsible for the privacy and security by not giving anyone on the Internet personal details about myself or others

Students failing to adhere to these guidelines will have their account disabled for a period agreed upon by the student's teacher, Mr Steere or Mrs Harrison. A new Acceptable Use Agreement will then have to be signed before the student's account is re-enabled.

Parents are also urged to discuss and monitor student home computer use – see <http://www.netsafe.org.nz> for more information



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Any breach of the Acceptable Usage Agreement can be picked up in a number of ways.

1. The use of Hapara Teacher Dashboard

When students are logged into their school account on the school wifi, this interface allows teachers to see student screens remotely, access student files within their school account, share resources through Hapara workspace, freeze screens while the teacher is talking, set up focus sessions so students can only access the website set by the teacher and even close students out of tabs. It is a great way to have a bird's eye view of student learning on devices and is a one-stop-shop for both students and teachers.

Please note - most of these functions can be carried out while the student is at school, on the school wifi with their Hapara highlights turned on. We do not have access while the student is at home therefore, it is parent/caregiver responsibility to monitor device use at home.



Follow the link to watch a short video on the functions of
Hapara within schools!



[Classroom Management Software for
Schools | Hāpara](#)



Any breach of the Acceptable Usage Agreement can be picked up in a number of other ways.

2. Students login using their school account

This is part of the Google suite our school uses which means all internet traffic is logged, monitored and filtered. It is part of the user agreement that students can only use their school account while at school and teachers are able to keep track of who is logged in via Hapara.

3. Active screen monitoring by teachers and students

Teachers screen watch as we move around the class but most of the time students are pretty good at 'keeping each other in check'!



Will the device be safe in the class when my child is not using it?

On top of an Acceptable Usage Agreement, BYOD students are required to read and sign a BYOD agreement form too.

In this agreement, it states that teachers will provide a locked cupboard for devices to be stored in when not being used.

The agreement also reminds students and parents that:

- Devices are not to be shared
- They are only to be used under adult supervision
- Insurance for the device is the parents/caregivers responsibility

Teachers also take time to teach students simple things like how to carry a device safely and remind students to keep devices on flat surfaces (not laps!) at all times.



BYOD User Agreement

I understand (please tick each statement)

- ☐ All devices brought to school are my child's responsibility and the insurance for the device is my responsibility.
- ☐ Teachers will provide a locked cupboard in which my child may place his/her device when not in use. If my child does not use this facility, then the school holds no responsibility for any loss or damage that might occur.
- ☐ All devices must arrive at school each day fully charged. My child may bring a charger for use during the day if required.
- ☐ Personal internet connected devices e.g. Cell phones, t-sticks, vodem sticks will not be permitted to be used to access outside internet sources at any time at school.
- ☐ Devices are to be used under adult supervision.
- ☐ Devices brought to school are for the use of my child. Any sharing is at my child's discretion.
- ☐ Teachers will encourage the use of personal devices whenever appropriate and students will be encouraged to use them for homework activities. Students are not permitted to use the devices if on site before school, or during break times. The only exception to this rule will be when the students are using their device for the purpose of learning and are supervised by an adult.
- ☐ Students will use cloud based applications such as Google Apps for Education to complete work.
- ☐ The school retains the right to collect and examine any device that is suspected of causing problems, or being in breach of the BYOD guidelines and/or cyber safety policy.
- ☐ Rules and guidelines including the cyber-safety policies governing the use of any school-owned digital device, will apply to student-owned devices while they are at school, including adherence to the Copyright Act.
- ☐ Students must comply with teachers' requests to shut down or close screen. Devices must be in silent mode and put away when asked by teachers.
- ☐ Students agree to download and update apps at home only, unless directed by the teacher.
- ☐ Students agree not to play games on their device while at school, unless given permission to do so by their teacher.



Will my child still have access to devices if we do not buy one straight away?

Bringing your own device to school is completely optional. Students will always be given access to a device while at school however, it will not be their own personal device and therefore, certain aspects like logging in may take longer or they may have to share a device with other students.



What are the benefits of my child having their own device as opposed to a school one?

- Simpler log on
- Always have first priority access (don't have to share)
- Seamless transition between home and school
- Teaches students responsibility and ownership



What device is best for my child to have at school?

- We would recommend HP or Acer Chromebooks but any major brands are good
- Good things to look out for are sturdy shells, robust charger ports and good quality cases
- Why not a laptop or a tablet?
 - o Hapara works on a chrome browser only. Therefore, students may appear to be on task within their google chrome browser but can still access other apps etc. in the background some of which, may not require internet to function and therefore only rely on screen monitoring as a form of monitoring



Any other questions??

Please feel free to make contact with your classroom teacher!

