

Dear parents and caregivers,

We have a Bring Your Own Learning Device (BYOLD) programme at our school for Year 5 and 6 students. BYOLD refers to technology models where students bring a personally-owned device to school for the purpose of learning. It is often referred to as Bring Your Own Device (BYOD).

Why BYOLD?

- It is what the students want!
- BYOLD provides an opportunity for teaching students respectful and appropriate use of digital technologies, which will be important in properly preparing them for the future.
- Students take control of ensuring that their device is working, instilling a sense of responsibility.
- E-learning is one of a number of ways students experience learning at Freemans Bay School.
- Students can use an electronic device for:
 - Learning
 - Locating and making sense of information from a variety of sources
 - Recording what they have learnt
 - Sharing their learning with parents, teachers, peers.
- Teachers use e-learning to:
 - Make learning interactive and engaging.
 - Personalise learning
 - Provide more choice for students as to how they access and present their learning.
 - Teach students how to use ICT effectively and safely.
 - Give students the skills, competencies and attitudes they need to flourish in a world where digital technology is prevalent.

Students will still have access to the current devices in the classroom, this initiative is to provide additional devices for student use when they need to access a device to support their learning. Some students are given an opportunity to have an increasingly flexible timetable and so it is handy for them to be able to access a device when they need it rather than having to waste learning time waiting for a device to become available.

Your child has expressed an interest in bringing a digital device from home for use at school. If you wish for them to bring their digital device to school, you need to:

1. Sit with your child and go over the BYOLD agreement form. This needs to be discussed carefully so that both you, the parent, and your child know what is expected of you.
2. Both you (the parent and/or caregiver) and your child need to complete and sign the BYOLD agreement form.
3. The BYOLD agreement form needs to be returned to the classroom teacher.
4. Once you have received a confirmation email or letter from the school, your child will then be able bring their own device to school.

If you have any questions, please visit the school website – Digital Learning Tab and then the BYOLD tab or email Bronwyn at brone@freemansbay.school.nz.

Kind regards,
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Bring your own Learning Device (BYOLD) Agreement

The purpose of this is to support learning through increased access to devices, allowing students to access a device when they need it for learning. Students will not be on devices all day at school.

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

I want my child to bring their own digital device to school for use in the classroom learning programme. 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.
- The school holds no responsibility for any loss or damage which might occur.
- That teachers will provide a locked cupboard in which the device may be placed when not in use.
- The device needs to be brought to school each day fully charged.
- Apps and software on devices must be kept up to date, particularly anti-virus software as applicable.
- Devices are to only be used when students are being supervised by their teacher, no child is permitted on the internet unless a staff member is present. Teachers do check, monitor and rove.
- Devices brought to school are for the use of my child. The school adheres to a 'sharing screen' concept, whereby my child may share his/her screen with others. In collaborative group work there may be 2-3 children working together, however my child is in charge of his/her device.
- Teachers will encourage the use of personal digital devices whenever possible.
- My child will still be expected to use pen and paper as part of their learning in addition to the purposeful use of their device. A computing device is a very powerful tool for engaging in the learning, but it is not the only tool that teachers at Freemans Bay Primary School use to deliver high quality teaching. The device is used at the class teacher's discretion and with the class teacher's knowledge. Whether or not technology is used in class on any given day depends entirely upon your teacher's judgment about the best tools to use for teaching and learning.
- Children will use cloud based applications such as Microsoft 365 for file management and are allowed to access this at home with parent permission.
- My child will be expected to bring their device home each night to use to create a seamless flow between school and home.
- The device will be used to support student's learning as linked to what is happening in their classroom. It is not to be used at school to access personal accounts, files or games.
- Student are not to take photos or videos of other students and upload to any place without permission from the student involved and the classroom teacher.
- Rules governing the use of any school-owned digital device will apply to student-owned devices while they are at school. This includes adherence to the Copyright act and school cyber safety policies. This is in accordance with our ICT Acceptable Use and Responsible ICT User Agreements.

We understand that:

- If the rules and responsibilities for ICT use are not followed by your child, then the privilege of using a personal device at school may be taken away.
- Repeated misuse of this device will result in it being blocked from the Freemans Bay School Wifi and that this device will be held at the school office until retrieved by a parent.
- If we do not understand anything above, we will contact the school.
- If there is a situation that concerns us, we will speak to the classroom teacher in the first instance and then the Deputy Principal or Principal, if necessary.

We (the student and parent/caregiver):

- Have read the rules that apply to BYOLD to school as outlined above.
- Agree to these rules and conditions as outlined above.

Student's Name: _____

Class: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____

For School Use Only:

Confirmation letter sent on _____

Student added to BYOLD Register

Teacher informed

BYOLD Agreement Filed



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Bring Your Own Devices (BYOLD) FAQ Frequently Asked Questions

How useful and effective is it going to be in the classroom?

Access to this form of technology is a very powerful learning tool. What these devices do is open up a whole new way of supporting learning and in some cases provide greater and more successful access than in the past. These devices will not replace pen and paper at present but may well in the future. It is not the only tool that teachers at Freemans Bay Primary School use to deliver high quality teaching and learning. The device is used at the class teacher's discretion and with the class teacher's knowledge. Whether or not technology is used in class on any given day depends entirely upon your teacher's judgment about the best tools to use for teaching and learning.

Will my child be disadvantaged if I cannot afford to buy into the BYOLD scheme?

No. The school will provide a range of devices that all students can use at various times of their learning. These will range from PCs, ipads, laptops and classroom computers.

Security of the devices at school, is it ok?

Each class will determine where and how the devices will be stored and kept safe at school at breaks and lunch times. However, the school will not be liable for an individual's property for loss or damage. This is the individual's own concern. During the rest of the time students will be responsible for the device.

I am worried about what my child might be accessing and who they are interacting with, how can you reassure me?

Devices will only be used when students are being supervised by their teacher, no child is permitted on the internet unless a staff member is present. Teachers do check, monitor and rove. Your child will have to have agreed to operating within the school agreement. We also have a filter in place to prevent inappropriate material coming into the school.

What are the parental expectations for monitoring download / safe images etc?

It will be an expectation that parents are responsible for the downloaded apps and images on individual student devices.

Will my child have to share their device?

No. Devices brought to school are for the use of your child. However, the school adheres to a 'sharing screen' concept, whereby your child may share his/her screen with others. In collaborative group work there may be 2-3 children working together, however your child is in charge of his/her device. If the students need to share a device, they will use the school devices for this purpose.

What happens to the device before and after school?

All students are asked to bring the device to school in the morning and to take it home in the afternoon (at the end of school). They are then expected to charge their device overnight (at home) so it is ready for the next day. The devices are NOT to stay at school overnight.

What ensures the safety of searches?

We have a filtering system in place which supports safe searches. This protection is still in place through the wireless network that the students will be connected to. However, while it blocks a lot of inappropriate content, occasionally content may be seen that child deems as inappropriate at which time they are required to speak to the classroom teacher.

Who is responsible for Updating of apps, programmes?

It will be the student / parental responsibility to ensure the device is updated and ready for use. The school will not be responsible for updating or fixing of the device.

Which is best?

Freemans Bay School is not recommending a specific device for students to use at our school. We are recommending that any ICT device brought to school should meet the specifications.

Which are the best apps to support learning?

New apps are being discovered and developed all the time and this will be the way of the future. We will provide updates about what we think may be appropriate or useful.

Insurance who's responsible?

It will be the parent's responsibility for insurance, the same way it is for bringing a bike / scooter etc to school. If you are not sure you will need to check with your individual insurance policy.

How often will the device be used?

This will vary depending on the lesson and the teacher. However, we hope that your student will be using it whenever appropriate to support learning. Students will not be on devices all day at school.

What happens with problem solving hardware/software issues? Will the school technician at school do this / or teachers? Who pays?

It will be the parent's responsibility to look after hardware problems etc. As you can appreciate as a school this would be simply too hard and too time consuming to look after all devices.

What if I do not have a device for my child? Do I need to buy one?

No, you do not need to buy a device. The school will provide a range of devices that all students can use at various times of their learning. These will range from PCs, iPads, laptops and classroom computers.

If you do choose to buy a device for your child, we advise speaking to the Intermediate School that your child will be attending at the end of their primary school years and ask what they have as their recommended device. This way, the device that you might buy will be able to be used for many years.