

Information for Parents/Whanau regarding BYOD at Onslow

Onslow College has adopted a modern learning strategy that included BYOD.

The rationale for this decision can be found on the Onslow College website:

<http://www.onslow.school.nz/learning-teaching/ict-learning>

Students will bring their own laptop (and charger) to school on a daily basis for the purpose of enhancing their learning. While we prefer not to specify an exact model of laptop, we support the Microsoft© Windows operating system at Onslow. The laptop should be running versions 7, 8 or 10 of the Microsoft© Windows operating system.

Checklist for your child's laptop - if you are buying a laptop it should:

- Have a minimum of 4Gb Ram. 8Gb will improve performance
- Be internet capable and able to access the school's wireless network
- Be able to run Microsoft© Office 365
- Have a keyboard
- Have a good battery life (more than 6 hours)
- Be lightweight enough that it can be carried easily
- Have sufficient storage space to store documents. Recommended minimum 64GB of internal storage.
- Have a back-up device (e.g. a USB stick or external hard drive). While documents are stored in their Microsoft© cloud it is good practice to learn to backup.

Note: If you have either of the below devices there is no requirement to replace them but:

- Chrome Books are not recommended as they are not suitable for our environment
- We can make Mac's work, but troubleshooting is limited