

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.

Chrome Books are not suitable for our environment.

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.

A Reasonably Priced Laptop

Onslow has a relationship with Cyclone Computers who offer range of options for suitable laptops. The laptops range from very basic entry level devices to more sophisticated devices. We have found that Cyclone service and support to be very solid. Information about Cyclone and their devices can be found here:

<https://byod.cyclone.co.nz/onslow>

Login as: onslow

Password: ocbyod

You may also wish to shop around and or wait for the summer bargains that arise over the summer break.

Remember **Windows** Devices are supported at Onslow. Chromebooks are not.

A Word for Mac users.

If your child already owns a Macbook, you do not have to replace it. We can make it work here but our Mac troubleshooting skills are limited.

The school will have a supply of laptops available to loan to students should their own device be in for repair etc. Our IT Support team has expertise in PCs and will be able to troubleshoot some problems during the school day.