

# BYOD AT HAMILTON GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL

## THE ADVANTAGES OF BYOD

A student-owned device allows students anytime, anywhere access to Educational resources and important information in our school environment.

### Students can:

- Access resources and activities online.
- Create digital folders that they have ready access to (no more lost books).
- Access their personal school google account to create, manage and learn.
- Collaborate and communicate with teachers and classmates.
- Work independently on personalised programmes; and access lessons in some instances.
- Become active partners in their learning.

*At Hamilton Girls' High School our eVision is for students to be confident, responsible digital citizens who are collaborative, critical thinkers, able to construct knowledge.*

*In order to do this we aim to provide students with the skills, knowledge, confidence and guidance to be an effective, ethical and safe user of ICT.*

## HGHS eLearning Snapshots: Google

*"I like using Schoology because I can access all my lessons from home when I am away on sports trips."*  
- Hylan

*"Google Calendar is perfect for organising my revision and study plan; especially for my Internal Assessments."*  
- Litara

*"I can do stuff on Google Docs and it saves automatically so I don't lose it. I do heaps of homework on it. It makes it easier to do and interesting."*  
- Hunter

*"I use Google for research and can find everything I need; the research tool is great."*  
- Jassleen

*"I use Google for my research. It's helpful because with Google Classroom, we can interact with the teacher and other students with our work and homework."*  
- Claudia

## BUYING THE RIGHT DEVICE:

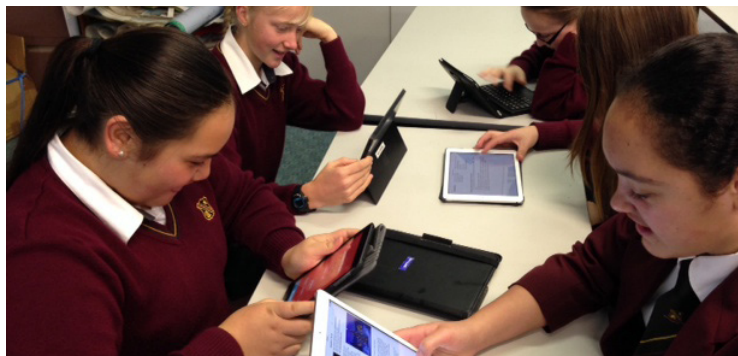
### Recommended devices

- Notebooks (that meet the considerations below such as HP Probook 430 G2, Acer Aspire R3-131T)
- Chromebook (Acer Chromebook C730E)

PB Tech are providing HGHS with very competitive prices. For the notebooks and chromebook listed above, vouchers can be collected from our HGHS Uniform Shop or take in this pamphlet.

### Considerations:

- Battery life of at least 6 hours.
- Minimum screen size of 10".
- Weight: needs to be manageable for your daughter to carry all day.
- RAM: minimum 2GB (prefer 4GB)
- Robustness: it should be durable, protective carry case.
- Insurance: we can't accept responsibility for devices which are lost, stolen or damaged.
- Warranty: usually one year but recommend extending to 2-3 years. See PB Tech for extended warranties.
- Anti-virus software: this is essential to protect the data on the device and to prevent the spreading of malware.
- Phones are not acceptable devices.



## HGHS ONLINE ENVIRONMENT

**Google Apps for Education (GAPE)** Students are provided with school google accounts giving them access to many useful educational tools and apps.

**Schoology** – is our Learning Management System used to support and enhance students learning experiences.

**eTV** provides resources for students and staff with recordings of many TV channels both from NZ and overseas.

**HGHS Website** provides important dates, links and information, such as student notices, upcoming events, parent portal access and more.

**Parent portal** – students and parents have access to attendance, reports, year planner, fees, school notices, academic results and more.

## HGHS INFRASTRUCTURE

N4L - Network for Learning

Fully wireless campus with a controlled environment

Connection to UFB (ultra fast broadband)

Gigabit connection to classrooms

Data projectors and sound systems in all classrooms

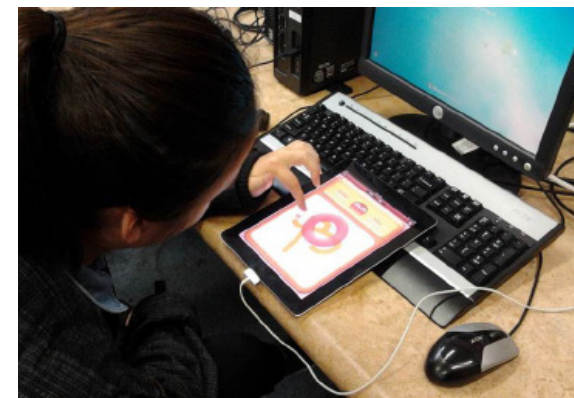
Full time on-site technical support



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## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE



### *Vision*

*The New Zealand curriculum (NZC) vision is for “confident, connected, actively involved, lifelong learners”. Our students are growing up in an ever changing world where digital devices are widely used for communication and learning both inside and outside of school.*

*All Year 9 Students are expected to have a digital device of their own to use in the classroom.*