St Peter's College

Standing Tall, Promoting Excellence and Developing Understanding

Dear Parents/Caregivers

At St Peter's College, it is part of our daily teaching practice to use digital technology as part of our learning. While cell phones are not to be used in classes, we allow students to bring personal digital devices to school. We recognise that some personal digital devices can be used as a learning tool in the classroom, and teachers may incorporate their use into lessons when appropriate. Please see below for our minimum requirements for suitable devices:

Minimum Devices:

Year Level	Minimum Requirements for Devices
Year 7 & 8	Tablet/ipad or Chromebook
Year 9 & 10	Tablet/ipad + Keyboard Cover or Chromebook
Year 11 - 13	Laptop minimum 8 GB Ram Memory Visual Art & Creative Technology & Design students need minimum of 16GB Ram

Any device used at St Peter's must be capable, at minimum, of running the entire suite of Google School products [Google, Drive, Mail, Docs, Drive, Draw, Slides etc].

For **senior students** who would like to run **Microsoft Office 365 suite**, for Word and Excel, this is free for all education institutions in NZ. You can download and use your St Peter's College email and login code to activate this. Any questions about this, please contact Mr Baird.

When making decisions, you might like to consider how long a device will remain useful for your son or daughter as they move through the year levels. Typically, you could expect to get a good *3-4 years** efficient use from a good quality device before it starts to show signs of 'running slow'. This is due to the rapid advancement of both hardware and software.

As the rate of technology advances so quickly, in general we are seeing devices lasting 3-4 years before becoming outdated. You may wish to provide your child with a Chromebook in the Junior school, possibly graduating them to a laptop for senior school - depending on what subjects they take and the technology requirements for these.

Please note **Visual Art (Photography & Design) & Creative Technology and Design students** require a minimum of 16GB Ram to run the software they need to complete their assignments. We do provide such computers in the classroom but due to the nature of the creative practice students often like to work on assessments in their own time at home. Students can also opt to pay $20.00 to get the Adobe Suite for their assessments.

Advice: Please Contact Alistair Baird at bairda@stpeterspn.school.nz if you would like to inquire about your current device or future purchases of higher specced devices you may be considering.

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Digital Curriculum Team