Dear Parent/Caregiver,

In 2019 all Year 9 and 10 students require a device for our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) programme.

The BYOD programme creates opportunities for powerful e-learning. All students have access to our ultrafast broadband and a robust, monitored, and secure Wi-Fi network to support and enhance their learning. They will be able to access their learning online, anytime, anywhere and can collaborate, create and share information seamlessly with communities all over the world.

If purchasing a device will be difficult for your family financially, please contact our Accounts Department (accounts@onetreehillcollege.school.nz) to discuss a payment plan.

Devices can be purchased from a variety of electronic stores including PB Tech, Warehouse Stationery, Noel Leeming, and Harvey Norman. Please see below for specifications required.

Devices are required from the first day of school.

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Coughlan
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The Device Specifications

Students do not require a powerful (expensive) machine, nor do they need a large hard drive as they will be saving and sharing most of their work in the cloud. One of the many realities of computing in a school environment is that students require a highly portable device with a long battery life. Students must carry their device from class to class every hour and will not be able to rely on having an opportunity to recharge their battery during the day. In addition to this, the device must also be wireless capable and be robust which often means the build quality of the device should be high.

When considering a device, please also bear in mind that the student will be responsible for ensuring that it is kept in good working order. The school's IT team - NewEra will provide limited assistance with configuring the devices onto the wireless network, but will not provide in-depth ongoing technical support.

As a school, we do not believe that mandating a particular device is necessary. We have however, put together the following minimum specifications for a suitable BYOD device at One Tree Hill College:

- Wireless networking capability
- 5 hours of use from one battery charge
- Large screen (10" minimum) enough to work with documents in order to create and edit content
- The ability to run a web browser (e.g. Chrome, Firefox, Internet Explorer) that will allow it to access Microsoft 365 and other learning resources
- Is lightweight, but robust enough to handle daily use
- Is in a protective carrying case
- Has a keyboard (which may be detachable) for inputting information.

Other considerations which we strongly recommend:

- Warranty – students using the device regularly will want faults fixed quickly, the school will not provide technical support or repair services.
- Insurance – make sure you are covered for replacement if lost, stolen or is broken (including the screen); the school insurance does not cover personal property.

Although we do not mandate the purchase of a specific model or device, it is essential that all student devices include the features above