



Dear Parent/Caregiver,

Students at One Tree Hill College in years 9 - 13 are required to bring a personal laptop to school for use in class to support their learning.

The BYOL (Bring your own laptop) 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. In addition to learning, NZQA has made digital exams available to students across a range of subjects for students in years 10-13.

BYOL Suppliers of Devices

Noel Leeming [Bring Your Own Laptop \(BYOL\) for School & Uni](#)

- Offer Afterpay and ZIP and will Price Match
- Start of Year/Back to School special pricing

Harvey Norman [Buy Laptops | Harvey Norman New Zealand](#)

- Offer Finance Deals including interest free; Afterpay
- Start of Year/Back to School special pricing

PB Tech [Laptops for Home / Students - PBTech.co.nz](#)

- Offer Student Discounts
- Offer Afterpay, Klarna and Laybuy; Q-Card/Gem with interest-free deals
- Start of Year/Back to school special pricing

Yours sincerely,

Mr N Coughlan
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The Laptop Specifications

Students do not require a powerful (expensive) laptop, 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 laptop 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 laptop must also be wireless capable and be robust which often means the build quality of the laptop should be high.

When considering a laptop, 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 laptop onto the wireless network but will not provide in-depth ongoing technical support.

As a school, we do not believe that mandating a particular laptop is necessary. We have however, put together the following minimum specifications for a suitable BYOL laptop 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 physically attached keyboard – iPads/tablets are not suitable

We strongly recommend considering the following additional points:

- By year 11 chrome books are not suitable: Senior students do require a laptop
- Warranty – 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 laptop brand, it is essential that all student laptops include the features above.