

BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE (BYOD) UPDATE

Middle and Senior Teams

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Thank you to those who were able to come along to the Open Evening in Term 1 and the BYOD information evening in Term 2. The BYOD evening certainly provided us with lots of valuable information about the benefits of BYOD programmes in schools.

Since then, the Senior Team have had a trial with devices on loan from Apple New Zealand. This was a great success and as a result the Senior Team students will be able to bring a device from Week 5, Term 3. The Middle Team are planning to have students bring a device from Term 4.

If you have a device you would like your child to bring to school, you will need to complete the Student User Agreement and return to your child's homebase teacher.

The BYOD Strategy Team at Clearview Primary have considered many elements regarding the programme. The main aspects include professional development for teachers, content and instructional practices, measuring success and further IT considerations.

Many schools throughout New Zealand and the world have very successful BYOD programmes. The research shows that the most successful programmes use a single device.

Clearview has invested a great deal of money into providing our children with access to flexible technology and infrastructure in order to provide authentic learning opportunities. With the introduction of the BYOD programme, children without their own device will still have access to digital devices, primarily iPads and laptops on a group rotational basis.

As mentioned Clearview has committed a great deal of professional development for teachers to successfully utilise an Apple device in their programme and it is only the school's recommendation that should you choose to bring a device, it be an iPad, iPad Mini or iPod Touch.

Devices will be used to support and enhance learning allowing for authentic collaboration, strong home school partnerships and opportunities for children to apply their learning in powerful ways.

Please remember it is neither a requirement or a request for children to bring a device, merely an invitation. Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

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