

## Silverstream School BYOD in Year 4-6 2017

### Key messages:

We are a **Google Apps For Education School (GAFE)**. This means that students can access their learning documents anytime, anywhere. They can work independently or collaboratively. To ensure our students stay safe, our school will be using **Hapara Dashboard**, a student learning management system which allows teachers to be connected with every learner and to see/ monitor all documents and communication the students have. The school encourages families of Year 4, 5, 6 students to purchase or provide a suitable internet connected device for in-class learning. This is not mandatory as the school will ensure that devices are made available in class for students, however this may mean that devices are shared.

### Devices: When considering or purchasing a device for your child:

- **Weight and portability** are big considerations; few students are likely to cope carrying around a full-size laptop.
- **Long battery life** is another major decision. Students are not able to charge devices at school and need a device with enough battery to last them the day.
- Because we are a **Google Apps for Education** school, tablets and iPads can be problematic when viewing or editing some Google docs; iPads have some limitations with Flash (Flash is a platform for playing animations, and some videos and sound files). We do not recommend iPads and Tablets.
- **Insurance and warranty** – you need to check with your personal insurance if they cover devices and what the cover details are. Also check carefully to see what is covered under warranty. Please also check the small print of any purchasing and leasing arrangements you may enter in to. Children and families are responsible for any damage that may happen to devices.
- **Student and Family user** agreements must be signed if a child is bringing a device to school or using a school device.
- **Cover** - A good cover or sleeve is important. Will they carry it to school or will it be in their school bag? If it is in their school bag – then it will need to be food/ water proof for those days the lunchbox leaks!
- Longevity – like most electrical devices the life of a computer device is relatively short, most devices start to experience issues between 3-5 years with lesser battery life, slow responsiveness.
- Good quality **headphones** are essential.

Devices	Chromebook	Laptop	Got a device at home?
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Low cost</li><li>• 11-14" screen sizes available</li><li>• Light &amp; portable</li><li>• Good battery life</li><li>• Designed to access web and to store material in cloud</li><li>• Excellent with Google Apps; saves all work to Google Drive/ cloud</li><li>• Requires minimal technical expertise to manage</li><li>• USB ports</li><li>• <i>The school has purchased 50 Toshiba Chromebooks CB 302 for use in Year 4-6</i></li></ul>	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wide range of pricing options</li><li>• Wide range of screen sizes</li><li>• Good battery life</li><li>• No software limitations</li><li>• Wide range of upgrade options</li><li>• Allows student to use traditional software such as Word, Excel</li></ul>	Just ask us... if it is a laptop or Chromebook, it may be suitable for use at school.
<b>Considerations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Device is primarily an internet connected device only</li><li>• No built in CD/DVD drive</li><li>• Upgrade options are minimal</li><li>• Doesn't run traditional software</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Devices can be expensive if used as a school only device</li><li>• Can be relatively large and heavy</li><li>• Requires reasonable technical expertise to manage</li></ul>	