



Silverstream School BYOD in Year 4-6 2018

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 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 cannot include iPads and Tablets in our BYOD programme.
- **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 and slow responsiveness.
- Good quality **headphones** are essential.

Devices	Chromebook	Laptop	Got a device at home?
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low cost • 11-14" screen sizes available • Light & portable • Good battery life • Designed to access web and to store material in cloud • Excellent with Google Apps; saves all work to Google Drive / cloud • Requires minimal technical expertise to manage • USB ports • School leases Chromebooks for class use 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wide range of pricing options • Wide range of screen sizes • Good batter life • No software limitations • Wide range of upgrade options • Allows students to use traditional software such as Word / Excel at home if they need 	<p>Just ask us If it is a laptop or Chromebook it may be suitable for use at school.</p>
Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Device is primarily an internet connected device only • No built in CD/DVD drive • Upgrade options are minimal • Doesn't run traditional software 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devices can be expensive if used as a school only device • Can be relatively large and heavy • Requires reasonable technical expertise to manage • Often require updating regularly, this can take a long time effecting learning time. • Speed can often be effected by memory issues 	

Our preferred device is a Chromebook.