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To: Parents of Year 5 Students
Parents of Years 6-8 students new to HCS in 2027

Re: Learning Devices 2027

Dear Parent,

Thank you for being part of the HCS community. We value our relationship with your family and feel privileged to help you nurture and educate your child.

It is now timely to look ahead to 2027 and communicate to you regarding the HCS 'bring your own device' (BYOD) policy. All Years 6-8 HCS students are expected to 'bring their own device' for learning purposes and so, each year, we ask parents of students who will be Year 6 the following year to purchase and supply such a device for their child's use at school to facilitate and enrich their learning.

Below are some recommendations to take into account when purchasing the device for your child.

BUYING GUIDE

- Good Chromebooks sell new for $350 - $500. There is no need to spend more.
- The most common model here at HCS is: Lenovo Chromebook
- Acer, Asus and HP are other reputable brands.

Specifications

- Processor i3 (Ryzen 3) or Intel Celeron
- 4GB RAM
- 32GB storage
- Minimum 11" inch screen size - 1366 x 768 resolution
- Minimum six hours battery charge
- No more than two years old

Recommended Extras

- Protective Case
- Headphones

Optional Extras

- Mouse (Highly recommended, especially for students with little experience of Chromebooks.)

Besides purchasing a Chromebook, **we also recommend that, during school terms, you choose to have your child's Chromebook securely stored at school, at least during the school week**. Keeping devices at school during the school week helps to reduce opportunities for damage and to discourage overuse of devices at home. That said, the devices will belong to you and so you are free to make your own decision about this. (*Note: School insurance does not cover any damage or loss to this device while on school property. Coverage is best achieved through personal contents insurance.*)

Please note that Jo Ward (jo.ward@hcs.school.nz) from the school office will be in touch, via email, with details on how to set up the Chromebook for school use. This school account can only be used for school purposes. Alternatively for personal use, you will need to set up a separate, personal account.

Lastly, if purchasing a Chromebook places excessive financial pressure on you, please communicate this either to myself, Whaea Marie (m.moore@hcs.school.nz) or to our Head of Primary, Jonathan Marinus (j.marinus@hcs.school.nz). Financial assistance may be available.

Feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this policy further.

Ngā mihi,

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