



Digital competency is a key component of learning at Takapuna Normal Intermediate School. It is our goal to integrate technology across the curriculum, making it authentic and allowing students to engage in a higher level of collaborative learning.

As a BYOD (**Bring Your Own Device**) school, students in both Year 7 and Year 8 are encouraged to bring a device to help support their learning. These devices should adhere to the TNIS minimum specifications (See Below), including being Wi-Fi capable. Those students bringing a device will be expected to sign the digital citizenship agreement.

*NOTE: Smartphones and/or small/mini tablets cannot be used as a learning device in the classroom at TNIS.*

### What device is best?

Deciding what device is best is dependent on several factors, including how IT literate your family is. Experience has taught us what works best for our school environment.		
Operating System	Recommend	Features
Windows Laptop (Windows 10)	Yes	-Versatile in features -A wide range of options -Can run Google Chrome -Can run Google Education Suite
Chromebook (Chrome OS)	Highly	-Can run Google Chrome -Can run Google Education Suite -TNIS is a Google School -Simple to operate -Affordable
Apple Laptop (Apple OS)	Yes	-High spec device -Expensive as a new device -Can run Google Chrome -Can run Google Education Suite
Full-size iPad	No	-No keyboard. -Lacks collaborative features -Struggles with Google Education Suite
Full-size Tablets (All other versions)	No	-No keyboard -Variation in styles and specifications. -Struggles with Google Education Suite