



NORTHCROSS Device Specifications

In 2017 all students in Years 7 and 8 are encouraged to bring a device to school to support their learning. The suggested specifications are:

- Be Wi-Fi capable – wireless A standard (ACN preferred)
- Able to operate a Google Chrome browser and Google Apps for Education
- Have a processing capacity that enables creation and manipulation of the text and data
- 10 inch (diagonal) screen minimum
- Battery 5+ hours
- Lightweight and portable
- Durable

While some devices meet these specifications, they are not always effective in the classroom. Over the last few years of our BYOD programme, student feedback has shown that **the most effective device is a laptop/notebook for our school environment**, these devices are also more generally recommended by the local colleges.

Recommended	Worth Considering	Not Recommended
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptops/Notebooks that meet the specifications above. (see the range offered by Noel Leeming). These can be Windows or Apple OS. Have more versatility when it comes to 3rd party applications. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chrome Books – very good value. • iPad (separate keyboard necessary and a student should be proficient in its use) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • iPad and Android tablets with a screen size smaller than 10 inches. A 7 inch iPad/android tablet is too limiting. • Devices without keyboards. • Phones

We also encourage you to:

- Have a protective case for the device.
- Insure the device against loss or damage.
- Load anti-virus software.

NOTE: Noel Leeming does offer both a 3 year warranty deal and accidental damage insurance. These have been very worthwhile.

Please visit the school website for Frequently Asked Questions and further information.

<http://www.northcross.school.nz> under the noticeboard BYOD 2017