



## Bring Your Own Device 2024

### Year 4-6

11 October 2023

Dear Families,

In Years 4-6, your child's learning is supported through the use of a Chromebook as a digital device. The purpose and goal of this BYOD option are to develop and lift student achievement in the core curriculum areas of Reading, Writing and Mathematics.

Being part of a BYOD classroom (one Chromebook for every child) means that there is unlimited potential to enhance and improve learning. The use of Chromebooks allows for:

- Quicker access to online learning opportunities and information.
- Greater connection with home as devices and learning can be taken home each day.
- Increased engagement of learners.
- File and information sharing between teachers and students.
- Collaboration through a greater range of connections with others.
- Development of technological skills, preparing students for their future.
- Personalised instruction through individualised access to online learning tools.
- Increased communication between home and school.

Being part of a BYOD classroom does NOT mean that children spend all day on their devices. Our practice reflects our belief in a blended approach. There are opportunities for learning using both digital tools alongside all the other experiences children get at school.

We have developed a pamphlet that includes more information about our school's BYOD programme, including device requirements and costs. This is attached for your information.

We have received from our ICT supplier, Schooled Up IT, their package Chromebook deal for BYOD 2024. This will allow you to deal directly with them. Schooled Up IT can provide an education package for \$539 incl GST - licensed for management on the school network, out of the box and ready to go. Further details are below. If you choose to purchase your child's Chromebook through our school supplier and wish to receive delivery this year or by the start of the 2024 school year, please ensure your order & payment is in prior to the cut off day **Friday 8th December**. It is not essential that it is purchased by this date. Devices can be delivered in January ready for the start of the school year.

If you decide to purchase outside of this arrangement, which you are more than welcome to do, please be aware that all Chromebooks must come with a Google approved Google Management License. In the event that a device is purchased elsewhere other than Schooled Up IT there will be an additional charge of \$105 for procurement, application and management of this license onto the school's network. This charge will be payable to Schooled Up IT.

**In order to ensure everyone is set up and ready to go for the school year:**

- All BYOD devices are to be at school on the very first day, just like their school books. We will have our IT staff onsite to have them ready for learning.
- The device will need to stay at school for the first week as we develop a code of care with the students.
- Those purchased as Christmas gifts can be collected prior to the end of this year if required. However, please be aware that our cyber security requirements may change how the device has been used for recreational purposes over the summer holiday period. (Applications and bookmarks may be lost if multiple users have been set up, including on devices purchased elsewhere.)

**Other Points to Note:**

- You will own any device outright, but the Chromebook needs to be considered a learning tool, just the same as the student's school books.
- If the student's school Google address is logged into at any time, the school's cybersmart protocols will apply and will be monitored.
- You will be very welcome to use the Chromebook for family and personal use which cannot be monitored by the school through the guest or personal login.

What do you do if you want to know more or if purchasing a device presents challenges for you? Please contact me. I will do my best to help where I can, or can direct your questions to one of our team leaders.

Kindest regards,

Bryan Trevean  
*Principal/Tumuaki*



## **Belmont School BYOD 2024: information & link to order form**

*If you choose to purchase your child's Chromebook through our school supplier Schooled Up IT and wish to receive delivery this year or beginning of Term 1 2024, please ensure your order & payment are made as soon as possible and prior to the cut off day:*

# Friday 8 December 2023

Schooled Up IT are experienced, Ministry of Education approved, ICT providers to the education sector and provide ICT support to Belmont School. Additionally, Schooled Up IT have supplied school ready Chromebook packages to school families across NZ since 2015.

If you wish to purchase a Chromebook for use in our BYOD programme Schooled Up IT can supply a Premium Education Package for \$539 incl GST - licensed for management on the school network & incorporating customisable elearning/teaching tools - out of the box and ready to go:

- Acer C734 Chromebook 11.6" Dual N4500 4GB 32GB HDMI rugged Chromebook - Acer have proven performance record in schools across the globe;
- 1 year manufacturer's warranty; or upgrade to 3 yr at additional cost of \$39;
- Google Chrome Management License (required so that the Chromebook can be managed on the school network, inherit security features & customisable elearning/teaching tools), deployment and management of the Chromebook to the school network;
- a protective, water resistant sleeve ;
- delivery to school, home or work address (courier fee \$19);
- tailored payment plan by arrangement between the customer and Schooled Up IT

In managing BYOD devices on the school network we must ensure that there is consistency with licensing for both school owned Chromebooks and BYOD Chromebooks. In the case of BYOD the purchase of an education ready package deal achieves this and gives families the opportunity to purchase everything required at a great price.

In the event that a device is purchased elsewhere a charge of \$105 for enrolment, deployment and management of the free Google education license, on the school network will apply. The free licenses must be provided by an authorised Google partner.

The Google Education License enables the device to be configured and managed on the Belmont School network. It is best practise to use licenses in a BYOD education environment as licensing ensures security and integrity of the school network and optimal use of devices and Apps from a teaching & learning

perspective. The BYOD device is restricted to use of a student school account during school hours only. Outside of designated school hours any user account can be signed into on the Chromebook.

The license also enables invaluable security features, such as, in the event that the device is lost or misplaced it can be completely disabled so that it is unusable other than to display a message advising where the Chromebook should be returned to. The unusable state can, of course, be reversed once the device is found or returned.

**Click [Here](#) to order a Premium Education Chromebook Package. Order or layby now for Christmas 2023 or Term 1 2024 - early orders recommended**

**Purchase options:**

- **Payment in one sum** - order now for invoicing, payment and delivery in December 2023 or January 2024
- **Lay by** - order and layby now, set up an AP to suit your budget for delivery in January 2024

**We welcome any questions that you may have. If you would like to contact Schooled Up IT please email [Barbara Kells chromebooks@schooledupit.co.nz](mailto:chromebooks@schooledupit.co.nz) or phone 027 567 9500**



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# BYOD @ BELMONT SCHOOL



## Parent Information

## BYOD@BELMONT

### Future-focused education - what does it mean to us at Belmont School?

- We have the responsibility, and our community surveys have certainly endorsed this, to ensure that education prepares students for their world.
- A blended learning approach to teaching gives the students more ownership over how they access and submit work, and how they choose to communicate (be it digitally, on paper, or any mixture of the two).
- Achievement information, observation of student engagement and discussions with students and their families tell us that the use of the device at school and the opportunities to continue learning at home that the device offers as part of the student's toolbox for learning, does make a positive difference.
- We believe that the best way for a student to become proficient at critical thinking, self-managing and choosing the best communication method is to provide them with more opportunities to practise this in a balanced learning programme and environment.

## The Plan

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) is when students bring their own device to school to assist their learning. At Belmont School, all Year 4, 5 and 6 students bring their own device to school and all have received the benefits associated with doing so.

### WHY?

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### Google Management License

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## Insurance

All devices brought to school are the student's responsibility. The insurance of the device is the parent's responsibility. Parents need to ensure their policy covers theft/damage away from home.

## Dual purpose device

You will own any device purchased outright, but the Chromebook needs to be considered in the same way as the student's school books; it is one of their tools for learning. If the student's school Google address is used for log on at any time, then the school's cybersmart protocols will apply and will be monitored (if there was an issue). No applications or bookmarks can be stored while working under the Guest login. While utilising the Guest or personal logins, your usage is NOT monitored by our management system. The need for this depth of cybersecurity comes directly from MOE recommendations and our mandate from our Board.

## Headphones

Headphones are to be purchased from the school (*approx \$12*) and can be added onto your school account or paid in cash at the start of the year. This is to ensure that no ear-bud headphones or excessively sized headphones are brought to school.

## Device Considerations

### All Chromebooks purchased for BYOD at Belmont School must come with a 'Google License'.

- Notebooks and Laptops are not permitted, as we are unable to monitor what is stored on these devices or track usage in accordance with our Belmont School eLearning policy.
- In the event that a device is purchased elsewhere, not from our preferred supplier, a charge of \$105.00 for the deployment, enrollment and management of the free Google license on the school network will apply.
- To purchase a Chromebook for use in our BYOD programme: **Schooled Up IT** can provide an education package, licensed for management on the school network and out of the box and ready to go:
  - Acer C734 Chromebook 11.6" Dual N4500 4GB 32GB HDMI rugged Chromebook
  - 1 year manufacturer's warranty, or upgrade to 3 yr at additional cost of \$39
  - Enrollment, deployment and management of the Google Chrome Management License on the school network;
  - a protective water resistant sleeve;
  - warranty support - a loan Chromebook can be provided
  - delivery to school, home or work address (courier fee \$19)
  - Tailored payment plan by arrangement

*For more detail, please refer to the information outlined in our BYOD letter to families.*

## Feedback from our BYOD families

*'I think it is a great link between home and school and developing the home school partnership. Parents being able to have an up close look into what their child is doing at school.'*

*'It allows children to become familiar with the online world and manage having a device in a safe way before heading off to intermediate and college.'*

*'Her knowledge of how the internet can help with her learning and how she can share her learning has been improved because she can have a go at things at home after she has tried them at school. She is very confident with using Google based products.'*

*'He is more excited about his learning and has more confidence and computer skills, he did his presentation completely on his own, didn't require any help.'*



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