

# Belmont School

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Dear Families,

As part of their programme this year, Year 4 children have used school Chromebooks to support their learning on an increasing basis. We have found that the use of these has provided a greater level of access to a wider range of learning experiences. In 2021, we would like to further extend our use of digital tools within the classroom and invite Year 4 students to become part of our school BYOD initiative. This will enable the device to move freely between home and school, further extending our home/school learning partnership.

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 are 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.

We have received from our ICT supplier, Schooled Up IT, their package Chromebook deal for BYOD 2021. This will allow you to deal directly with them. Schooled Up IT can provide the following education package for \$519 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, please ensure your order & payment is in prior to the cut off day **Monday 30th November**. 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 login.

If you do not wish to purchase a device for 2021, there is the option for your child to use a school device. We ask that you complete the following form to signal your intentions for your child. This will help with our planning for the 2021 school year.

[BYOD Response Form](#)

What do you do if you want to know more? Please contact Paula Asiata (Senior Team Leader), [paulaa@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz](mailto:paulaa@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz) or [principal@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz](mailto:principal@belmont-lowerhutt.school.nz), or call if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Robin Thomson  
Principal



## **Belmont School BYOD 2020/2021: information & link to order form**

Schooled Up IT are experienced, Ministry of Education approved, ICT providers to the education sector and have supported ICT at Belmont School since 2009. Additionally, Schooled Up IT have supplied school ready Chromebook packages to our school families 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 \$519 incl GST - licensed for management on the school network & incorporating customisable elearning/teaching tools - out of the box and ready to go:

- Acer C733 Chromebook 11.6" Quad N4100 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 \$35;
- 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;
- Cranium for Chromebook - only available from Schooled Up IT - a fitted hard cover to add toughness and prevent screen cracking if dropped when closed, sat or stood on;
- a protective, water resistant sleeve (black/red or green/black colourway choice);
- warranty support - in the event of an issue arising under warranty a loan Chromebook can be provided during the period that the device is being repaired so that there is no interruption to learning between school and home;
- delivery to school, home or work address (courier fee \$15).

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 the best 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 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 or Term 1 2021 - early orders recommended as stock is limited due to Covid 19 manufacturing and shipping delays.**

**Purchase options:**

- **Payment in one sum** - order now for invoicing, payment and delivery in November, December 2020 or January 2021
- **Lay by** - order and layby now, set up an AP to suit your budget for delivery in December 2020 or January 20201

**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**