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Request for Stage 2 & 3 Students in 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Penshurst Public School is launching a *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) initiative in 2018. Students in Grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be requested to bring their own Chromebooks to school in 2018 to use for educational purposes. Having ongoing access to technology will help your child develop greater independence, increase engagement, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

Chromebooks are a new type of computer designed to work faster and are easy to navigate. They run Chrome OS, an operating system that has multiple layers of security, cloud storage, and the most popular Google products built-in. It is much like a laptop, however all documents are saved online rather than on the hard drive.

Student devices will be used to access resources and to complete assignments and homework tasks. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analysing data, participating in surveys, producing videos, reading e-books, creating blogs, building websites, taking notes, or scheduling events.

A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship, which is the responsible use of technology. Your child will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety. These are important aspects of participating in today's world.

To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students. Students will only use their own device and will only be able to use it under the direct supervision of their teacher.

We look forward to the educational opportunities that BYOD will bring. Penshurst Public School will continue to provide access to school owned technology. However, school technology is shared among all students in the school and thus may not always be available or may require students to share.

We do not require students to purchase a particular Chromebook model, however below are some suggested models and websites where Chromebooks can be purchased.

Suggested models:

- HP Chromebook 11 G5
- Lenovo ThinkPad 13 Ultimate Educational Chromebook
- Acer C910 Chromebook

Suggested websites to purchase Chromebooks:

<https://www.officeworks.com.au/shop/officeworks/c/technology/laptops-macbooks/chromebooks>

<https://www.bestbuy.com/site/all-laptops/chromebooks/pcmcat244900050010.c?id=pcmcat244900050010>

<https://www.kogan.com/au/shop/tablets-laptops/chromebooks/>

Stage 2 Teachers

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