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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The Pirongia Syndicate is excited to offer students the opportunity to use a Chromebook to assist their learning in 2024.

### What device should I buy?

As Tamahere is a designated Chromebook School, we highly recommend acquiring a Chromebook for your child. Opting for a Chromebook is cost-effective and enables seamless access to the Google School Educational Workspace using their student login credentials. This enhances convenience and ensures heightened protection and online safety for your child.

If you are purchasing a new Chromebook, here are a few facts to help you decide.

#### Chromebook

- 1. Affordability:** Chromebooks are often more budget-friendly than traditional laptops, making them a practical choice for families on a budget.
- 2. Simplicity:** Chromebooks are designed for simplicity and ease of use, making them ideal for young students who may not be as tech-savvy. The user interface is intuitive, and the devices typically have a faster startup time.
- 3. Google Integration:** Google Workspace for Education, a Chromebook seamlessly integrates with these tools. This can enhance collaboration, streamline assignments, and facilitate communication between students and teachers.
- 4. Security:** Chromebooks are known for their robust security features. They have built-in antivirus protection, automatic updates, and data encryption, providing a safer online environment for students.



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5. **Long Battery Life:** Most Chromebooks offer an impressive battery life, ensuring the device can last through a school day without frequent charging.
6. **Cloud Storage:** Chromebooks rely heavily on cloud-based storage, which means students can access their files from anywhere with an internet connection. This promotes flexibility and helps prevent the loss of important documents.
7. **Parental Controls:** Chromebooks have parental control features, allowing parents to manage and monitor their children's online activities to ensure a safe and controlled digital environment.
8. **Lightweight and Portable:** Chromebooks are generally lightweight and compact, making them easy for children to carry between home and school without feeling burdened.
9. **Durability:** Many Chromebooks are built with durability in mind, featuring spill-resistant keyboards and rugged designs to withstand the wear and tear that can come with student use.
10. **Educational Apps:** The Chrome OS supports a wide range of educational apps available through the Google Play Store, offering additional resources for learning and engagement in the classroom and at home.

**Consider** Robust, Lightweight, Screen Size 11-12 inches, RAM (minimum recommendation 4GB), and Long Battery Life.

See the attached option or link below.

### **What will it cost?**

We have negotiated special deals with PB Tech and Noel Leeming for BYOD Chromebooks, which are attached to this letter. You do not need to buy from these stores; you are invited to find the best deal possible for your family.

### **Can we bring any type of Chromebook?**



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Yes, however, it is essential that the device has a battery life to last a full school day (chargers are not allowed at school). Any new Chromebook will achieve this, but older devices may have batteries that hold less charge. Also, we suggest a newer Chromebook as this runs all apps. The older Chromebooks can have trouble accessing programs used at school, such as Lexia.

We recommend Chromebook models with 4GB RAM (working memory) for better multitasking.

### **What else do we need to purchase?**

It is highly recommended that students have a protective case/bag for their device and a set of headphones.

### **How are Apps installed?**

Chromebooks have Apps pre-installed against your student's @tamahere.school.nz account. So, when students log into a Chromebook with their @tamahere.school.nz address, they will have all the school Apps in their Apps launcher. *(Note: if your child does not know their @tamahere.school.nz account details, this will be cleared up when they start school in 2024. Some students already have this information.)*

### **Can the devices stay at school?**

We ask that students charge their devices at home. We have investigated installing lockable charging stations but believe they are not a good solution due to cost, space and usage requirements.

If a student has a genuine reason to leave their device at school occasionally, they can negotiate this with their teacher, who will ensure the device will be secure until the next day.



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### **How do I insure my device?**

Please contact your insurance company to arrange policy coverage for the device at school. When your child is not in class, a cabinet will be provided for your child to secure their device in.

### **What happens at the start of the year?**

During the first week and throughout the year, a Digital Citizenship programme will be run; after this, we will invite students to bring their devices along with the attached and signed Student Agreement.

### **Can we do anything once we purchase a device?**

We have attached a How To Set Up Your Child's BYOD Chromebook Guide along with this letter; please set up your Chromebook accordingly after you purchase it.

For more information on setting up Parental Control via Google's Family Link App on Chromebook, please visit [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhCtRMySO\\_Q](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IhCtRMySO_Q)

If you use the Family Link App, please select **NO** at the "Control for signing in" option. Otherwise, it will ask for a "Parent Access Code" whenever your child needs to log in to their device.

### **Information**

More details, including research links, purchasing options, learning philosophies, digital citizenship, how-to guides, and Frequently Asked Questions, can be found at [https://tamahere.school.nz/our-learning/#\\_byod](https://tamahere.school.nz/our-learning/#_byod)



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## Questions

If you have further questions, please contact Annette Howard or Danny Burt.

Regards

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See Tamahere Model Country School Chromebook deals from PB Tech below, or click the following link to see the Chromebook deals from Noel Leeming. [Tamahere Model Country School BYOD with Noel Leeming](#)



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# TAMAHERE MODEL COUNTRY SCHOOL



## BYOD



<b>Samsung Chromebook 4</b> <i>NBKSAM3103I</i>	<b>Acer Chromebook C734 Rugged</b> <i>NBKACN7430013</i>
Intel Celeron N4020	Intel Celeron N4500
4GB Ram	4GB Ram
32GB eMMC Storage	32GB eMMC Storage
Chrome OS	Chrome OS
11.6" 1366 x 768 LED Display	11.6" 1366 x 768 LED Display
Up to 12.5 Hours of Battery Life	Up to 10 Hours of Battery Life
<b>\$310.00</b> incl.	<b>\$411.70</b> incl.



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## Chromebook Accessories



<b>11.6" Advance Case</b> <i>BAGEKB9010</i>	<b>JBL Kids Headphones</b> <i>HSTJBL782251</i>	<b>Bluetooth Mouse</b> <i>MSELOG5818065</i>
Extra Pocket Lifetime Warranty	Safe, Conform, Compact	Convenient Clutter free
<b>\$28.12</b> <sub>ncl.</sub>	<b>\$41.12</b> <sub>incl.</sub>	<b>\$28.51</b> <sub>incl.</sub>



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Monday - Friday : 9:30am - 5:30pm Saturday : 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday : 10:00am - 4:00pm

\*To get the BYOD deal online, simply go to

<https://www.pbtech.co.nz/education/byod>

Choose -> School Name

Once the page loaded, type in Promo Code: School's Ph# as "School Code" at the up left hand side corner