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## Important Information on Setting Up BYOD Devices for School

Dear Parents, Guardians and Whaanau,

Bring your own device (BYOD) has been part of Tamahere Model Country Schools learning journey for many years. This has enabled our students/aakonga to have greater access to the tools and equipment they need to facilitate and enrich their learning. At Year 5 and 6 BYOD is recommended and these tools are used frequently throughout the school day. Since COVID, our Year 3/4 students in Pirongia have also been allowed to bring their device to school to facilitate their learning at different times of the day. This is optional and at parents discretion when they feel their child is ready to take on the extra responsibility required. Please carefully read the following instructions and information to ensure a smooth and secure device setup. The attached *BYOD Agreement* needs to be signed and returned before your child can access their device on the school network at school.

### 1. Setting Up Chromebooks: School Account First

To ensure that your child's Chromebook works seamlessly on the school's secure network, the student's **school account must** be added to the device **before** any other accounts or parent linking is enabled. This is critical to avoid issues connecting to our network and ensure a smooth and secure login process when your child arrives at school.

### 2. User Credentials for Year 3 Students

For our Year 2 students moving into Year 3, we will provide their school user credentials before the summer break. This information will be sent directly to parents, and it will help you set up your child's device for use in the new school year for those who want their child to have their own personal device. Please use these credentials when adding the school account to the device, as they will be required for a smoother connection to secure network access when they arrive back at the school.

### 3. School Devices Are Still Available

Please remember that school-owned devices are still available for all student use and are fully managed by the school. Our IT team secures, monitors, and maintains these devices. If your child cannot bring a personal device, the shared-school devices will be available in the classroom.

### 4. Device Monitoring and Network Security

All BYOD devices will be monitored through the school account only. To ensure your child can easily connect to the school's secure Wi-Fi network, the school account must be set up **first** on the device. This ensures a smooth connection to our network, keeping the device secure and compliant with our school's IT policies. The device must be power washed first if any other account or parent linking has been set up to allow the device to connect to the secure network without requiring a parent code.

### Need Help?

If you encounter any difficulties or have questions while setting up your child's device, please do not hesitate to contact our IT administrator, Danny Burt, at [dburt@tamahere.school.nz](mailto:dburt@tamahere.school.nz). We are here to assist you through the process.

Thank you for your cooperation. We look forward to another great year of learning with technology's support!

### **BYOD Agreement**

This agreement is between \_\_\_\_\_ (student),  
\_\_\_\_\_ (parent) and Tamahere Model Country School.

As a **student**, I agree that I will;

- Check with my parents before bringing a device to school that it is labelled and protected appropriately.
- Tell my teacher the first time I have brought a device to school so that it can be checked.
- Bring my device to school every day fully charged.
- Only use my device to assist my learning (personal Apps and websites to only be used at home under my personal login).
- Store my device in the designated area of my classroom to keep it safe.
- Only use the school Google account for school work.
- I understand that this school google account is owned, set up and monitored by Tamahere Model Country School, from any location that it is logged in.
- Not use my device before school, during breaks or after school, without the approval of a teacher.
- Always look after my device.
- Not share my device with others, unless working on a collaborative activity where other students may use the device with me.
- Follow the **Tamahere Model Country School Responsible Use Agreement**, including using positive language and only using school-approved apps and sites.
- Only connect to the designated Tamahere network. No mobile data use.
- Not alter any of the security settings that the school sets in place for my safety.
- Not share my login information.

I understand that violating this agreement will have consequences for my privileges.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(student)

As a **parent**, I agree that I will;

- Ensure my child's device is clearly labelled and in an appropriate case.
- Support my child to meet their BYOD agreement and inform the school of any breaches.
- Monitor the device use outside of school hours using our recommended Home Safety guidelines outlined in frequently asked questions on Tamahere School Website.
- Arrange for any damage of the device to be repaired/replaced at my child's/my cost.
- Take a note of your child's device type and serial number.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(parent)

As a **school**, we agree that we will;

- Provide infrastructure, including wireless internet and filtering.
- Educate students about digital citizenship, including cyber safety.
- Provide learning opportunities for parents on cyber safety and best practise learning with devices.
- Plan for and implement learning activities where the student's devices can be used to enhance student learning.
- Inform parents of any violation of the student agreement.

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