

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy

It is recommended that students in all programs bring a device to school to support their learning at Unique. We offer a blended learning environment. This means that we use paper-based learning and eLearning like most New Zealand High Schools. Learners at New Zealand High Schools use their laptops in class. We recommend that our learners bring laptops to class.

Purpose:

At Unique we recognize the role of technology in enhancing language teaching and learning. A personal device can be used to access and complete online learning which has been included in the teaching plan for improving Listening, Reading, Speaking and Reading in English.

Minimum Specifications:

- Wi-Fi connectivity –Unique provides Wi-Fi
- Windows or iOS minimum 4GB RAM, at least 8 hour battery life
- Hard Drive - Windows 64GB minimum, iOS 32GB, Chrome 16GB
- Screen: 11-14"
- Processing - as work is completed and saved online, large memory and high spec graphic card is not necessary
- The notebook, laptop needs to light enough to carry to school daily
- Antivirus – Students are required to check that their personal devices are free of any malicious content such as viruses and malware that may undermine the security of the school's network.

General Guidelines:

- Students are responsible for all content they access. Content must be appropriate to the educational environment.
- Students may not use devices to record images or videos of people on campus during school hours, unless otherwise allowed by a teacher. Any form of distribution of photos or videos of other students and staff is strictly forbidden.
- To conform to Health and Safety compliance, any defective or damaged devices should not be brought into the school.
- Students must read the **STUDENT BYOD USER AGREEMENT** (On our website)

Student Responsibility

- It is recommended for students to bring their own devices and therefore the decision to bring a personal device into school rests with the student and their parents or guardians.
- Students are responsible for maintaining or troubleshooting student tech devices.
- **Students should keep their devices with them at all times.** The school does not provide lockers for students to store their personal devices. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that their device is kept safe.
- The school is not responsible for any personal devices that are broken, stolen, or lost on school premises or during school visits and outside activities.
- The school is not responsible for any personal data that is lost on personal devices while they are being used on school premises or during school visits and outside activities.