

WAIHI COLLEGE 2026

Year 8



BYOD at Waihi College

Next Year, 2025, Waihi College will be moving to a **fully BYOD model**. BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device. Students and teachers are working more and more with digital platforms for the distribution and completion of work in the classroom. By students having their own device, there is a seamless link between home and in school learning and the student can personalise their device to suit their own needs.

Why BYOD?

Personalised, flexible learning • Increased access to devices for learning activities eg Google Drive, research, skills practice etc • Seamless learning between home and school • 24/7 anywhere/anytime access to learning
Preparing for the future - IT/ collaborative/ cloud-based tools.

What sort of device do I need?

For most students, the most economical device is a Chromebook. Ideally the device would have a minimum of 4GB RAM, a minimum of 32GB and a screen that is large enough for the student to read information on easily. All Chromebooks will have access to Google classrooms and the Google suite where the majority of work is completed in class.

For senior students (Year 12 and 13) who have specialised courses, they may choose

to purchase a laptop that has higher specifications and the ability to add course related programmes.

Noel Leeming, PB Tech, The Warehouse, Harvey Norman and JB Hi-Fi are some of the examples of retailers that offer excellent deals for devices.



Expectations

The device must be brought to school each day fully charged and is expected to have a minimum charge life of 6 hours.

Students will be expected to use their own device in class and there will be no option for borrowing a device if a student fails to bring their device. The student will work on paper if they do not bring their device to school.

What if I am unable to purchase a device?

Waihi College will have devices available for students to lease should they be unable to purchase one themselves. Students will pay a bond to lease the device for the year, they will take the device home and use it as their own for the year. Parents/caregivers and students will sign a contract agreeing to maintain the condition and return of the device with any loss or damage charged to the student.

More Information

Buying a device can be confusing with lots of overwhelming information. Please take a look at this handy guide from NetSafe NZ about buying a device and how to keep your child safe online.

<https://netsafe.org.nz/byod/>

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Stationery Requirements for Year 8



Most Subjects Require Students to have a Pencil Case with:

Blue or Black Pens, Red Pen, Pencils, Eraser, Pencil Sharpener, 15cm ruler and a Set of Highlighters.

Core Subjects	Quantity	Item
Homeroom	5	1B8 Exercise Books
	1	Lined Refill
	2	Clever Kiwi Activity Book
	1	Set of Headphones -Compulsory
	1	Clever Kiwi Fun Doing Math's 3
	1	1E8 Maths Book
		Print Credit (when required) \$5.00
Essentials for Learning Pencil Case with:	4	HB Pencils-Named
	1	6B Art pencil
	2	Blue & Red Biro Pens
	1	Fine Sharpie
	1	Eraser
	1	Ruler-Named
	1	Highlighter
	1	Pack of Coloured Pencils or Jovi Crayons
	1	Pencil Sharpener
	2	Glue Sticks
	Whiteboard markers (Different Colours)	
Science	1	2B5 Hard Cover Book

Year 8 Rotations

Students will complete 5 of these rotations during 2026

Art (Classes to be confirmed)		Art Packs Only available from College when required \$7.00
Digital Technology	1	16GB USB Stick
Soft Materials (Food & Textiles)		Print Credit when required
Music		Nil Required
Te Aō Māori	2	1B5 Exercise Book

Students are encouraged to buy their stationery locally (Waihi Stationery shop and Waihi Toyworld) and should get their stationery requirements as soon as possible **before** regular classes start. Some teachers may require students to purchase extra stationery to fit with teaching and learning programs. Students will be advised of any extra stationery (if needed) at the beginning of the year.

START OF YEAR DATES FOR YEAR 7-13						
Date	Year	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
26 th January to 30 th January	7	Auckland Anniversary SCHOOL CLOSED	No classes	No classes	No classes	All Year 7-13 students Powhiri followed by kai. School and House activities throughout the day.
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2 nd February to 7 th February	13	In school courses for identified students	Waitangi Day School CLOSED			
	7	Classes begin	Classes begin	Classes begin	Classes begin	
	8	Classes begin	Classes begin	Classes begin	Classes begin	
	9	In school Activities	In school Activities	Dickey's Flat Activities	Dickey's Flat Activities	
	10	Dickey's Flat Activities	Dickey's Flat Activities	In school Activities	In school Activities	
	11	Year 11 Kickstart Course	Year 11 Kickstart Course	No school for Year 11	No school for Year 11	
9 th February to 13 th February	12	Senior Student Camp	Senior Student Camp	Senior Student Camp	No school for Year 12	Timetabled classes
	13	Senior Student Camp	Senior Student Camp	Senior Student Camp	No school for Year 13	
	Year 7-13					