Thames High School

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauaeranga



Kia kōtahi ai te piki ake, kia ikeike rawa ki te taumata / We grow together to achieve one's true potential

Year 9 Stationery – 2022

Course

All Year 9 students complete a core programme with full-year courses of English, Maths, Health and Physical Education, Social Studies and Science.

- The remainder of their course is made up of term-rotation courses:
 - Music, Drama, Tikanga / Te Reo Māori, Digital Technologies
 - o Art, Kai (Food), Materials Technology, Tikanga / Te Reo Māori

Stationery requirements:

- As the course for Year 9 is set, then the stationery is basic.
- The number of books and paper required is reduced as learning is completed with a device.

Digital Device – BYOD (as below). Please refer to the Enrolment information or our website about learning with devices.
Pens – Black or Blue and Green or Red
Pencils (HB)
Eraser
Ruler
Gluestick
10 x 1B5 books (or similar)
2 x 1E5 Maths books
Calculator – Casio FX82 AU Plus II or very similar. This calculator will suffice for all of
Years 9-11 Mathematics.
Useful – felt pens and coloured pencils

Equity (Stationery)

The school will supply a <u>basic</u> stationery pack for those who need a pack. It will contain some 1B5s, a 1E5, some basics like pens, pencil and a ruler. We will accept a koha / donation but if there is a need then please do not hesitate to ask. Contact the Student Support office.

BYOD - bring your own learning device

All taiohi/students need to have and bring their own suitable device to support their learning. Suitable devices are devices with a **keyboard** and **reasonable screen size** (not a smart phone). This means taiohi/students can use the device for reasonable periods, with ease of typing and without undue eyestrain. See below for more details about recommended devices.

Taiohi/students can access the internet using the wireless network on campus, and access learning materials provided by the school.

Having their **own device** means taiohi/students can use the device that they prefer and increases the amount of time a device is accessible for learning, both at school and at home.



Equity (Device)

Students that are unable to supply their own device will need to make use of the devices at school, or alternative equivalent learning resources. We expect to have several devices available for day loan or they may be borrowed for use at home with the payment of a returnable bond. Please discuss with the school, for example, your student's roopu or whānau kaitiaki or their pastoral leader or deputy principal.

Note - The use of Smartphones is strictly controlled during class time – taihoi/students must have their phone in their school bag, unless it is specifically has been allowed for supporting learning, for example as a translator, calculator, for quick research, or as a camera for projects, etc. **This is currently under review and may change for 2022.**

School recommendations for BYOD

- A laptop (or equivalent hybrid) Chromebooks, Windows laptops, and Macbooks may be used.
- At least 11.6" (30 cm) screen size reduce eye strain and allows for a better reading experience. Many laptops have 14" screens and could be considered.
- For Years 9-11 a Chromebook (ACER, HP, or Lenovo) or similar entry-level laptop is suitable they all allow cloud-based storage and that means files are secure and accessible anywhere. Most also have local storage for offline use of a device.
- Should have at least 4GB RAM; at least 32GB eMMc storage is also an advantage (for offline use).
- Wireless Connectivity dual band, using 802.11n (or higher)
- 8-hour battery life from one charge (minimum); students are expected to bring **fully charged devices** to school.
- Light and robust (i.e., tough to take the everyday knocks in a school)
- A protective carrying case (to help take the knocks)
- Operating System there is no preferred operating system, as applications are generally web-based. This means students can opt for the system they prefer Google Chrome, Microsoft Windows, Apple Mac OS
- Up-to-date Antivirus Software
- The ability to install and run the Microsoft Office Suite is an advantage.
 - Office 365 is free for Thames High School students with the Microsoft Student Advantage. There is no need to buy a subscription.
- Laptops should last 3-5 years, but that varies as students in the senior school may have higher needs depending on their course.
- A high-specification laptop may be an advantage for some courses such as digital design; for example to run software like the Adobe suite (PhotoShop, InDesign, etc.).

Years 9-11 (examples only)

For years 9-11, examples of suitable learning devices (at a reasonable price point) are listed below. This is not a complete list of devices but give an idea as to the sort of device needed. Take advice from your retailer.

Be aware that some students will want a higher specification device that costs more, for gaming or other uses, so be cautious in choosing a device.

- a Chromebook e.g. Lenovo 11.6", HP 11.6" G8 EE, Acer 11.6"C733
- an entry-level Windows laptop, e.g. Lenovo 14" IdeaPad 1 or Acer 14" Aspire 1

