

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 11 Stationery – 2026

All Year 11 students complete a core programme with full-year courses of English, Maths, Science (recommended) and Health and PE. In addition, they will have three full-year option subjects. Course confirmation takes place at the start of the year - attendance on this day will ensure that chosen subjects have been included in your student's timetable.

Stationery requirements:

- The compulsory (core) Year 11 subjects require basic stationery items (as below).
- As much learning is completed with a learning device, the need for stationery is limited.

The following is what students will need to supply for themselves:



- **Pens / Pencils** – Black or Blue and Green or Red, + Eraser, Ruler
- **Useful** – felt pens, highlighters
- **A Digital Device*** – BYOD (as below). Please refer to the enrolment information or our website about learning with devices. Students may bring their own device; if that is not possible then the school will provide suitable devices (normally Chromebooks) to support learning in their classes.

Core subject requirements:

English	Ring binder, 1x 7B8 A4 Refill pad (200 leaves), 1x 1B5
Health and PE	Ring binder, 1x 7B8 A4 Refill pad (200 leaves)
Maths:	1 x 1E5, 1 x A4 Plastic Document Wallet, Calculator (Scientific with trig and fraction buttons - Casio FX82 AU Plus II 2 or similar).

Optional subject requirements (In addition to the basic requirements):

Subject	Requirement
Art	1x A3 Wallet (18N9), A3 Spiral Bound Visual Diary, 1 x 6B Pencil, Eraser, 1 set of coloured pencils. Students may need to purchase oil paint sets and other art materials later
Distance Learning	As required for individual courses
Drama	1x 14B8 lined refill, 1x Clear file, Plain black T-Shirt; comfortable, loose fitting, long track pants or similar – black or navy blue; PE shorts are also acceptable
Fabric Technology	1 x A3 Clear file, 1 x Cardboard File Box; pins, gluestick
Food & Hospitality	Clear file folder, refill paper, a container suitable for hot or cold kai
Furniture	1 x 2B Pencil, eraser



Geography	1 Pkt 12 Coloured Pencils, 1 x 2B5, 1 x Clear file (20 pocket)
Graphics	1x A3 Wallet (18N9), 1x 17C9 Drawing Refill, 1 x Staedtler Compass, Pencil Sharpener, Clutch Pencil 0.5mm, 1 x Eraser
History	1x 2B5, Clear file (40 pocket)
Te Reo Māori	2 x 1B5, Dictionary of Modern Maori - P M Ryan, 1 x clear file (40 pages), 1 x A3 plastic envelope
Mechanical Engineering	2B Pencil, eraser
Music	2x clear files (20 pages), 1x 2B5 OR a device on which they can keep a digital file (not a phone).
Science /Horticulture	2x 1B5 Exercise Book, 2 x Highlighters, Black fine point Sharpie
Vocational	1 x 1B5 Exercise Books, 3 x Highlighters.

BYOD – bring your own device [for learning](#).

Students may bring their own suitable device for learning. Having their **own device** means taiohi (young people) 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. More about the advantages of BYOD is on our website.



Suitable devices are devices with a **keyboard** and **reasonable screen size**, at least 30 cm 11.6" (not a smartphone or tablet without a dedicated keyboard). This means they 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 site, and access learning materials provided by the school. Students will be required to register a learning device to access the WiFi; phones will not be able to access WiFi.

While taiohi may bring their own device, the school provides suitable devices (normally Chromebooks) to support learning in their class.



Note - The use of phones is **not allowed** at school – taiohi **do not need to bring** phones to school. If they are needed for out-of-school communication, phones must stay in their school bag (switched off) or be handed to the SSO for safekeeping. Phones seen at school will be confiscated and parents may be required to collect them.

[Refer to the next page for the recommended specifications for devices.](#)

Recommendations for suitable devices

- A laptop (or equivalent hybrid) – Chromebooks, Windows laptops, and Macbooks may be used.
- At least 11.6" (30 cm) screen size – reduces eye strain and allows for a better reading experience.
- For Years 9-11 a Chromebook (ACER, HP, or Lenovo) or similar entry-level laptop is suitable (see below). Most have local as well as cloud-based storage.
- At least 4GB RAM, and 32GB eMMC storage is also an advantage (for offline use).
- Dual band Wireless Connectivity, 802.11n or higher
- 8-hour battery life from one charge (minimum); devices are expected to be brought to school fully charged to school (there is a limited number of power points).
- Light and robust (i.e., tough to take the everyday knocks in a school)
- A protective carrying case (to help take the knocks)
- Opt for your preferred operating system - 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 an Office 365 subscription.

Note: Laptops should last 3-5 years (varies as some senior students may need a higher specification device for some courses).

Years 9-11 [Follow this link to a BYOD online store](#) that has some useful ideas for suitable devices for learning. This is not a complete list of devices but gives an idea as to the sort of device needed. Take advice from your retailer. Be aware that some students will ask for a higher specification device that costs more, for gaming or other uses, so be cautious in choosing a device, as higher specifications can cost a lot more.

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