

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 – 2026

Year 9 Courses

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:
 - Kai (Food Technology), Te Ao Haka/Te Reo Māori, Digital Technologies, Multi - Materials Technology.
 - Music, Drama, Art, Te Ao Haka/Te Reo Māori

Stationery requirements

- All Year 9 students require the same stationery.
- As much learning is completed with a learning device, the need for stationery is limited.

General Start-up requirements

(more may be required as the year progresses - buy extras now if you can):



Pens – Black or Blue and Green or Red
Pencils (HB)
Eraser
Ruler
Gluestick
8 x 1B5 books (or similar)
2 x 1E5 Maths books
1 x 3B1 notebook, 1 x manilla folder.
Useful – felt pens and coloured pencils

In addition, students will need:

- **Calculator** – [Casio FX82 AU Plus II 2](#) or similar. This calculator will be used for Years 9-11 Mathematics.
- **Useful** – felt pens, highlighter(s).
- **Drama** - comfortable, loose fitting, long black or navy blue track pants or similar; PE shorts acceptable.
- **Kai** - a container suitable to take hot or cold kai home, for example. an ice cream container. Glue stick, Pen and Pencil.
- **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.



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.

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.

