



Oamaru Intermediate School

Student Account & BYOD Information

Overview:

At Oamaru Intermediate, digital learning is integrated throughout the curriculum. Our goal is to provide students with skills and opportunities to become digital creators and innovators, rather than simply consuming technology. Alongside this, our students are taught strategies to stay cyber safe and make positive choices online - we call this being a 'digital citizen'.

BYOD / Technology in the Classroom:

Each classroom at Oamaru Intermediate has a number of school-owned Chromebooks that students can use to support their learning. Alongside this, we encourage our students to bring in their own device if they are able to. We allow students to use any type of BYOD device (iOS, Windows, Chrome etc). The exception is that we do not allow students to use cell phones as a BYOD option.

If you are thinking about purchasing a new device for your child to use at Oamaru Intermediate and beyond, we recommend that our students use Chromebooks. They are cheap to purchase and repair and integrate well with the Google apps/tools we use in school. Students can generally use them right up until they are in Year 10 at High School. We have BYOD portals set up through PB Tech and Noel Leeming, where parents can get special educational pricing on Chromebooks. Please view our website for links to these.

BYOD setup:

When students bring in their devices for the first time, teachers will provide students with a password to connect them to our BYOD WiFi network. If students have technical issues connecting to our network, they can see our IT team members for help.

Student Emails and Accounts:

At Oamaru Intermediate, students are provided with a school email address, which is linked to both Google and Microsoft accounts. Google accounts enable our students to use Chromebooks, and Google applications (Google Docs, Slides etc) and access online learning from Google Classroom. Using a school Google account to sign into a Chromebook allows educational apps and extensions to be pushed out via our IT Admin onto students' devices to support their learning.

Microsoft accounts allow students to use Windows-based devices and give them access to Microsoft Office, Minecraft, and other learning tools in our specialist programs. This Microsoft account also allows students to download Windows 10 and Microsoft Office on their personal computers for free.

Please note that student emails and linked accounts will be deactivated when students leave Oamaru Intermediate. This means that any work or documents saved to these accounts will be deleted with it. We recommend that students back up any important documents before they leave for secondary school. If you are setting up a new Chromebook for your child, we recommend that a personal Google account be used as the Administrator account on the device, rather than a school account.

Storage:

Each class has a lockable storage cabinet. During the day, we ask that students lock their BYOD devices up while they are not being used. This will prevent any unintentional damage that can occur to student devices when being stored in their school bags. Students should charge their devices at home each night so that they are ready for use the following school day.

Contact:

If you have any questions about student accounts, Linewize or BYOD at Oamaru Intermediate, please contact your child's classroom teacher, or for technical help, contact our IT lead using the email below.

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