



# Otumoetai Intermediate School

## Participation in the 2017 Digital Classes

2017 sees the school transition from laptop classes to digital classes where the predominant device will be a Chromebook. Students who already have laptops at our school will be able to participate in a digital class during this transition period. By purchasing a Chromebook for your child to use in a digital class at our school, you are also agreeing to adhere to the following conditions for bringing a Chromebook for use on the school network:

- You are agreeing to purchase a Chromebook that meets school specifications.
- You are agreeing for Dynamo6, our school technicians, to monitor the applications and extensions used by your child on our school network.
- You are agreeing not to install applications or extensions at home or school that may cause harm to our school network or cause legal implications such as illegally downloading or viewing movies or music.
- You are agreeing to ensure no file sharing applications or extensions are installed on your child's Chromebook. Exceptions are personal or school Google Drive, or similar personal storage such as Dropbox.
- You are agreeing to pay an annual Chromebook technical support fee of \$100.00 to the school. This is to enable the Dynamo6 technicians to administer the Chromebook on the school network. This includes updates and solutions to minor problems. Any hardware faults will be covered by warranty. The technical support fee covers both Year 7 and 8 Chromebooks. *Please note: The annual technical support fee for a laptop remains at \$200.00 due to the greater complexity of managing these at our school.*
- You are agreeing to put in place safe procedures as to how your child will transport their Chromebook to and from school.
- You are agreeing to take responsibility for recording the Chromebook's serial number and other relevant details for warranty purposes.
- You are agreeing to have the power supply checked regularly to ensure your child's safety.
- You are agreeing to monitor and take responsibility for your child's use of the Chromebook, particularly with regard to accessing and using internet sites.
- You are agreeing to the school's right to withdraw your child's right to have a Chromebook at school if they breach the school's internet use rules and rules for electronic communications (these will be given to all families at the beginning of the year).

As a school we will:

- Provide your child with a school based Google account which will provide access to curated resources, applications and extensions useful for meeting student learning goals and needs.
- Group Digital Class students together within home classes.
- Provide an instructional programme that will enable your child to regularly use their Chromebook as a tool for learning.
- Have your child's Chromebook secured in a locked classroom during all breaks.
- Provide regular monitoring and maintenance of the software installed on the computer.
- Provide your child with guidelines for the use of the Chromebook and looking after peripherals like the battery to prolong the life of the device.
- Instruct your child on the School Internet Use Policy and Policy on Electronic Communications.





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## 2017 Digital Classrooms

Students who choose to participate in the newly formed digital classrooms will be required to purchase a Chromebook.

### You choose:

**Where** and **when\*** you buy a new Chromebook:

*Noel Leeming and PB Tech have committed to providing academic pricing for our students.*

**PB Tech Portal** - [www.pbtech.co.nz/edu/otuinter](http://www.pbtech.co.nz/edu/otuinter)

**Noel Leeming** – Visit the Cameron Rd Store

\* **Chromebooks should be ready for use in class by the second week of classes in 2017.**

Noel Leeming and PB Tech will provide packaged deal prices for our recommended models.

Please check our school website for further information.

### Recommended Models:

## Ruggedized Chromebooks

**1<sup>st</sup>: Lenovo ThinkPad N22** Education Chromebook, 11.6"

Intel Celeron N3050 4GB 16GB mSATA, NO-DVD ChromeOS, Wi-Fi

**2<sup>nd</sup>: Acer C730E** Education ChromeBook 11.6"

Intel Celeron N2940 Wi-Fi AC **4GB RAM** 16GB SSD NO-DVD ChromeOS

**Memory:** Recommend **4GB RAM** models over 2GB RAM:

<https://goo.gl/RybAMH>

**Warranty:** Ideally - Extended two years



### Other devices:

**Only Chromebooks** will be acceptable in our newly formed digital classrooms.

Reliability, speed, security, longer battery life and ruggedized models will help reduce demands on our teachers and technical support team.

### Broadband Fast Internet:

**Students will need after school access to broadband/fast Internet, so they can:**

- Keep their student Chromebook up-to-date and secure.
- Utilise the Internet for online learning.
- Use cloud based features (files stored at Google Drive).

Note: Chromebooks have limited offline capability; they need an Internet connection to be activated. To use the device, prior to the start of the academic year, you will need a personal Google Account.

### More: Information:

**For more information:** Please visit our school website:

[www.otuinter.school.nz](http://www.otuinter.school.nz) Click on the links for: Laptop Scheme and buying your laptop.

**General queries:** Please call the school office - Ph: 576 5105

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