

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) in 2018

Highly Preferred Device - Acer C730E Chromebook

In 2018 all students will require a digital device as a necessary learning tool. Each student's device will need to connect with existing computing and learning structures at Rosehill College and some devices will be much more satisfactory than others. To offer current Year 8 families certainty for next year, we are now naming the Acer C730E Chromebook as our preferred digital device for use in 2018. This same machine has been our preferred device for 2015 and 2016 and we are very confident in repeating this choice for next year.



Chromebooks are a browser based technology that provide users access to the web through the Google Chrome browser. This provides all teachers and students with access to the suite of Google tools, including:

- Gmail: Email service with 30gigs storage
- Classroom: software for receiving and submitting classwork
- Drive: cloud based office productivity software (docs, spreadsheets, calendar, forms)
- Sites: website creation software
- Blogger: a website for recording opinions, online journaling and discussing information
- Picasa: Image storage, sharing and editing
- YouTube: Video service
- GooglePlus: social networking service

Acer C730E Chromebook Basics:

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| • Fast boot time: | Starts in 7 seconds |
| • Strong battery life: | Lasts for 8.5 hours |
| • Wireless: | Efficient dual-band wireless management to access Google Apps for Education |
| • Ease of Management: | Administrator management easily handled (technical support) |
| • Cloud Based: | Everything is stored through the cloud which means reimaging easy and everything is always backed-up (no lost work) |
| • Superior Virus Protection: | Google provide ongoing support and updates to the device |
| • Optimised for the web: | Designed specifically for use online |
| • No maintenance: | Chrome software regularly maintained and updated by Google |
| • Productivity focussed: | Focused on producing educational outcomes |

Purchasing the Acer C730E Chromebook

Noel Leeming (Papakura Store only) will later this year be selling this device for under \$450 (including 3 year warranty and hard-shell bag). By purchasing through the Papakura branch, your child will be entitled to a loan device should your own Chromebook be faulty or become damaged next year. This service is not available through other retailers or other Noel Leeming stores. Noel Leeming Papakura can provide finance options for most families. A year-by-year insurance option (approximately \$50) may also be purchased that will provide cover against accidental damage.

Second-Choice Devices:

Although the Acer C730E Chromebook is our highly preferred device for Year 9s in 2016, there may be occasional reasons why a student will bring a second-choice device. If so, families must remember that for any device to be suitable as a Yr 9 BYOD device, it must be: capable of running the most recent version of Chrome; have a screen size at least 11.6"; have a 6+ hour battery life; have a physical keyboard; have dual band wireless and at least two USB ports.
