

Murrays Bay Intermediate 2020 PLD Guide

(Personalised Learning Device)

Guidelines for selecting your own device to bring to Murrays Bay Intermediate:

- A laptop or a chromebook is recommended. We don't recommend iPads.
- The larger the screen size the better, as students use their devices for most of their class work. For example a 13 inch laptop.
- A device that is a well known brand.
- Avoid a cheaper celeron processor (limited working cache memory, cannot do multiple things at once).
- 4GB Ram minimum, intel i3, i5, i7. 500GB hardware minimum. We use Google Applications (cloud based), but good memory means the device responds faster.
- A device that is portable and holds its charge for the full day.
- Preferably a device that is less than two years old.
- Be aware that a device coming to school that has games on, could be a distraction at school.
- A device that has installed a tracking application where possible, in case the device gets lost.
- We have found that Chromebooks and laptops have better connectivity on the whole. Although not essential, having a trackpad or mouse can be advantageous too, depending on the user.
- Earphones are essential.

We ask that students and parents:

- Charge their devices, use social media correctly (outside of school time) and download apps at home.
- Have a strong, robust cover to avoid screen breakage (especially when in storage).
- If parents, as a consequence, need to take away a device at home, could this continue to come to school please, as it would affect learning - we can hold on to it overnight if need be.
- It is very important that parents record the serial number of all devices that are allowed to be used at school. If the device is stolen at school the serial number is vital to establish a police incident report for an insurance claim.
- It is also important to note that your personal insurance would cover any damage or loss of a device - not the school's insurance. While we go to every endeavour to locate any device that goes missing or investigate damage, it is the child's responsibility to take care of their device.
- Parents should be the administrator on the device, and ensure that all applications are designed for enhancing learning and updated regularly.

Where to go:

- Noel Leeming has a deal with schools that they will charge "cost plus 10%" if you state the school your child attends / will attend. This does not usually apply to Apple products though. But also shop around for the best deal at the time.