

In Term 4 2014 Morrinsville Intermediate School will become a BYOD School. This means that students will be able to bring their own digital device to school to support and enhance their learning.

E-learning

Benefits of E-learning and BYOD

1. Engagement

Students show greater levels of engagement and motivation when working in an electronic format. Information and presentations can be delivered in a range of multimedia formats. We have experienced high levels of written language from students when they work directly on the computer. Students express that they can focus on the language required rather than the need to present work neatly.



2. Authentic audience

Presenting work on-line allows for an authentic audience for students work. Instead of their work remaining at school, in their books, in their desks, work can be shared with people from around the world. Information can also be gathered from experts around the world providing students with a wealth of information and contexts.

3. Learning beyond the classroom walls

E-Learning allows for students to continue learning beyond the classroom. Students can work on a range of activities and present information in a variety of formats.

4. Feedback

E-Learning allows students to receive instant feedback about their learning and next steps for development. This feedback could be from their peers, teachers, parents or even family from around the world.

5. On-line resources

E-Learning allows for the use of a huge range of online resources. These could be video tutorials, web sites, interactive games, the list is endless! Everyone has equal access to information and at the same time.

Benefits of a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Scheme

1. Increased Access

Having their own computer increases access to the computer both at school as well as home. This would mean not having to wait for their turn on the classroom computers or to use Mum's or Dad's computer.

2. Personal

Having their own netbook allows students to make their computer personal to them. Therefore allowing them to bookmark pages, save files onto their computer. This will make accessing sites and work started at school easier.

3. Home/School links

Will allow parents access to see what students are learning and how they are progressing. Instead of books staying in children's desks, parents can see what students are doing at school via the computer.

4. Continuity

The transition between home and school would be seamless. Work can continue wherever internet access is available.

5. Responsibility

Being responsible online users is a vital lesson to learn. The online environment will be a significant part of these children's lives. Learning to be responsible for the equipment is also an important lesson for children to learn. Children value it more if it is theirs.

