



AVONDALE
COLLEGE



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The vision of Avondale College is to equip students with the 21st century skills they need for a digital future. This includes the effective and responsible use of technology for learning, communication and collaboration to problem solve and think creatively.

While not compulsory, students are welcome to bring their personal devices to school to enhance their learning both inside and outside of school.

Our aim is to equip students with the skills they need to flourish in an increasingly digital environment, and as part of this, we offer students (and staff) the opportunity to gain industry level certifications in digital applications (such as Microsoft, Adobe, Autodesk and more).

WHY BYOD?

Although BYOD is **not compulsory** at Avondale College, the advantages for students bringing their own devices are many and varied.

- Students have instant access to unlimited online resources
- Students can draft and easily edit their work before final submission, and save their work in the Cloud.
- There is a greater ability to communicate with teachers, parents and peers, to support student learning

Research has also shown the following benefits for students with their own internet-capable devices:

- Improved motivation and engagement
- Greater independence and personalised learning
- Improved critical thinking and development of multiple literacies
- Greater opportunities for collaboration beyond our walls.

BYOD AT AVONDALE COLLEGE

Avondale College has a state-of-the-art wireless network which gives students access to all the resources necessary for supported and engaging digital learning.

Avondale College sets up a Microsoft Office 365 account for each student, which is accessible through their school login on the intranet. This account includes:

- **student email**
- **1TB free cloud storage on OneDrive**
- **Microsoft Office online applications such as MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneDrive, SharePoint and more**
- **the Avondale College School Calendar**
- **access to OneNote classroom notes and assignments and more**

Students are able to download a free copy of the latest Office Suite onto their device (and can use this on up to four other leases on supported devices).

Avondale College students also have the unique opportunity to access industry certification training and assessment modules through our GMETRIX portal.

RECOMMENDED DEVICES

We encourage students to bring a device with features that provide the greatest possible access to the educational resources that will support and enhance their learning. We have found that tablet devices, including iPads and ChromeBooks, do not offer the best experience and for this reason we do not recommend these.

WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING:

- A laptop (or equivalent hybrid)
 - At least 12" (30cm) screen size
 - Wireless connectivity (using 802.11ac)
 - 6-8 hour battery life from one charge (minimum)
 - Preferably light and robust
 - A protective carrying case
- Operating System:
- Most compatible: **Windows 10** – this is the system the College network uses.

Must support software requirements below:

- Up-to-date Antivirus Software
- Microsoft Office 2013 / 2016: The ability to install and run the Microsoft Office Suite (freely available for Avondale College students)
- **Optional:** Selected Adobe software, if appropriate for courses chosen by the student, e.g. Design courses may require Adobe Creative Cloud. Please note that school desktops are available for student use in specialist courses.



INTERNET SAFETY AND SECURITY

Avondale College uses a variety of network security and filtering systems. These are set to filter out the 'dark side' of the Internet. The approach, for us, is to teach students to use the internet in a safe environment; we want to nurture solid and respectable digital citizens.

Netsafe.org.nz and **Digi-Parenting.co.nz** are great resources full of information, links and conversations from New Zealand schools. They provide excellent information to assist families navigate the ongoing challenges of internet safety and security.


CARE AND MAINTENANCE OF DEVICE

Our on-site Mobility Centre technicians are able to help students with internal technical issues (i.e. connectivity, printing, etc.) but the security and care of the device is the responsibility of the student and parents/caregivers.

We recommend ensuring personal insurance covers loss or damage to a device while at College.

STUDENT GUIDELINES

- Students are responsible for ensuring their device is fully charged before they arrive at school
- All use of digital devices is covered by the '**Acceptable Use Form**', which all students agree to when they enrol, and this is updated annually.
- Students are fully responsible for the operation and safe-keeping of their devices, and for the back-up of their work



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