



BYOD for all Year Levels in 2025

Since 2010 Epsom Girls Grammar School has recommended students bring their own device to school to support a **blended** approach to teaching and learning.

We recommend all students at all year levels to bring a device with the following specifications:

- A **Laptop, Netbook, or Tablet PC (Smart PC)** will provide students with a comprehensive learning tool. Apple or Android tablets are **not** recommended, and do **not** meet NZQA requirements for Digital Exams: <https://www.nzqa.govt.nz/ncea/ncea-exams-and-portfolios/external/device-readiness-check/>
- **Operating System** - The device ideally will have a **full operating system**, either Windows or Mac OSX. Chromebooks are only suitable for Year 9 & 10, e.g. Adobe Creative Cloud Suite cannot be installed on them.
- **Internet Browser** - The Google Chrome browser is necessary for our systems.
- **Common browser plugins** - The device should have common browser plugins installed on it – like Adobe Acrobat Reader, Java, Adobe Shockwave and Apple Quicktime.
- **Language** - The device operating system and browsers must be set to display in English.
- **Google Workspace for Education** - We use a customised EGGS G Suite environment for teaching and learning. This provides students with a free Office-type environment available using the Internet.
- **Microsoft Office** is available as a free download on up to 5 personal devices for enrolled students through the Office365 Student Advantage programme.
- Due to factors such as battery life and warranty, it will probably be necessary to purchase two devices during the 5 years at EGGS.

Battery Life – Should last 5-6 hours to be able to get through a school day (or Digital Exam) without recharging.

Weight – Should be light enough for your daughter to carry around all day, anything more than 1.5kg including the case might be too heavy.

Wireless – Should state that it has 802.11 ac or ax, or WiFi 5 or WiFi 6.

RAM – We recommend 8GB or more for Laptops/Netbooks, or else programmes may be much slower to run, 16GB or more recommended for Tablet PC.

Hard Disk Drive – For Netbooks or Laptops this should be at least 256GB. All devices now feature SSD drives, which are faster, lighter, are more reliable and give longer battery life, because they have no moving parts.

Robustness – Your device should be strong enough to survive a fall onto a hard surface.

Insurance – While we take care to protect students' property, we cannot accept responsibility for devices lost or stolen, so make sure it is covered for these possibilities. Accidental damage insurance may also be available if desired.

Warranty – Minimum warranty is 1-year, but you may want to consider upgrading this to a 2 or 3-year warranty.

Another factor is how long the device will be away for should it require repair under warranty, it could be a few days, or as long as a few weeks. Check if the supplier can offer a loan device should repair be required.

Anti-virus Software – For Windows or Mac OSX devices anti-virus and anti-spyware software is essential to protect the data on the device, and prevent the device being used to spread malware to other devices at home or at school.

Support and assistance

EGGS has partnerships with a number of suppliers to provide discounted prices and bundle offers for your daughters BYOD. For additional information, visit our quick link "Bringing your own device to EGGS" on our website www.eggs.school.nz or scan the QR code (on the right) to take you directly to the information. If you have further enquiries, please contact our team via email byod@eggs.school.nz.



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	Cyclone	JB Hi-Fi	Noel Leeming	PB Technologies	Warehouse Stationary
Discount prices	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bundle offers	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Finance options available	-	Qcard	GE Gemvisa, Flexirent, Finance Now, In-store Layby, QCard.	Finance now, Qcard, Flexirent, Gilrose finance	QCard, Marble Finance, GE Gem Visa
Leasing available	-	-	Flexirent (lease to own)	Flexirent (lease to own)	-
Service/Repair (<i>ask at time of consultation regarding availability of loan unit during repairs</i>)	Repairs: pick up service through the EGGS ICT Helpdesk	Repairs: return to store, loan unit available for certain type of devices	Repairs: return to St Lukes, loan unit available for certain type of devices Free 30 Min In-store Set Up Learning Plus Sessions	Repairs: pick up service through the EGGS Student Helpdesk or drop of at any PB Tech branch.	Repairs: Drop at any store or Royal Oak to send in for repair.
Warranty (<i>recommendation 3 yrs</i>)	Min 1 year – 3 years	Min 1 year – 3 years	Min 1 year – 3 years	Min 1 year – 5 years	Min 1 year – 3 years
Order process	Website: www.byod.cyclone.co.nz/ <i>Epsom Girls Grammar School should be showing on the top right of the screen. Click on browse.</i> Contact email: sales@cyclone.co.nz Contact phone: 0800 686 686	Website: www.jbhifi.co.nz Store: 8 across Auckland – closest to school is St Lukes Contact: Anu Suvarna Contact email: anurag.suvarna@jbhifi.co.nz Contact phone: 021 243 9382	Website: www.noelleeming.co.nz Store: Newmarket, St Lukes, Westfield Contact: Janie Patronie Contact email: janie.patronie@twgroup.co.nz (for ordering products) Contact phone: 021 614 476	Website: www.pbtech.co.nz Register your details and use EPSOMGIRLS123 as a membership key. This will give you access to student pricing. Contact: Jun Zhou Contact email: jun.zhou@pbtech.co.nz Contact phone: 09 8397476	Website: www.warehousestationery.co.nz Store: Exclusive discount for EGGS is available only at the store . 100 Pah Road, Mt Albert Contact: Janie Patronie Contact email: janie.patronie@twgroup.co.nz Contact phone: 021 614 476
Stock availability	Ask at the time of consultation	Ask at the time of consultation	Ask at the time of consultation	Can be checked on PBTech website	Ask at the time of consultation
Insurance	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

In all communications with these suppliers, please identify yourself as an EGGS parent, to obtain the benefits of the EGGS partnership.