

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Please read the following regarding our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) policy for students in Grades 10-12 at Vernon Christian School. This policy is designed to ensure that all students have access to the necessary technological resources while promoting equity, accountability, and ease of management.

For the 2026/27 school year, the school will provide a \$ 100-per-device subsidy toward the purchase of an approved Chromebook, which the school will make on each family's behalf.

These Chromebooks will be managed by the school but will belong to the individual student/family. Therefore, we will have similar expectations around their computer use at home/school - students will be able to bring their devices home as desired, but are expected to return with them each day fully charged and ready for schoolwork. We believe this change will greatly benefit our students and promote a more effective learning environment.

Here are some key points regarding this new policy:

1. **Equity and Equality:** We recognize that not all families have the financial means to provide their children with personal computers. By providing \$100 towards each device, we help ensure that every student has access to similar technology resources, regardless of their socioeconomic background. This move aims to bridge the digital divide and create a level playing field for all students.
2. **Ease of Management:** Managing a variety of devices brought from home can be challenging for both students and teachers. By standardizing the technology platform with school-managed Chromebooks, we can streamline technical support, ensure compatibility with educational software, and create a more cohesive learning experience for our students.
3. **Individual Ownership:** While the Chromebooks will be managed by the school, they will belong to the individual student. This means that students can personalize their devices and take ownership of their learning tools while still benefiting from the school's oversight and support.

We appreciate your support as we strive to provide the best possible educational experience for our students. If you have any inquiries or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact Rudi Verlinden (IT Manager) at rverlinden@vcs.ca.

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