

# LETTER FROM TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR

Greetings!

I am Richard Ellwood, technology coordinator at Besant Hill School and below is some preliminary information about our computing services.

All Besant Hill students are provided with access to our campus computing resources, and given a computer account on one of our servers. In addition, you may keep your academic work in your BHS accounts, making your files easily accessible from any computer on campus. You will also get an BHS email address (yourname@besanthill.org) that teachers and staff will use to communicate with you, that can be used to communicate with other students, and that can also be used as a normal world-wide email address.

Since public computer terminals are provided, it is not necessary to bring a personal computer from home. If you do want to have computer access in your dorm room, you have two options:

1. You may lease a computer terminal from us. These devices are fully functional for all schoolwork you will need to do: writing papers, Internet research, email, our calendar system, etc. They cannot play games, DVDs or CDs. In addition, we will provide full repair and support service for these devices. The price is \$350. When you graduate or otherwise part ways from BHS, we will buy the terminal back for \$300 provided no physical damage has been done to it.

2. You may bring a personal computer from home. We will not provide any technical support for any equipment you bring to school beyond configuring it so that you can log on to your BHS account. If your computer fails in any other way, you are fully responsible for getting it serviced by an outside firm. If this is your choice, be sure that your equipment meets the following specification:

**Macintosh: Any Mac running OS X 10.1 or newer.**

**PC: Any PC running Windows 95 (or newer) or Linux. The PC must have an Ethernet port to connect to our network.**

If you bring your own equipment, be sure to also bring an Ethernet cable--we cannot provide these cables for you. You may also bring your own printer, but it is not necessary because we provide several publicly-accessible printers around campus that you can connect to.

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to email me at [rellwood@besanthill.org](mailto:rellwood@besanthill.org).

Regards,  
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