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Dear Grade 6 Parent/Guardian,

Re: Year 7 Laptop Program for 2020

Following an extensive review of our student laptop program, we are implementing some important changes for our 2020 Year 7 cohort.

Our review sought feedback from current students, parents and teachers, and considered a range of research on best-practice use of technology for student learning. The findings were clear and consistent – student learning is best supported when **all students** have access to a **consistent device**, equipped with modern capability (touch, type, and write) and the required educational software.

For families with older children at our college, please note that we will **cease** the *Bring Your Own Device* initiative, of past years, commencing with the incoming Year 7 group. This decision is consistent with national trends, which indicate that this model can, at times, compromise classroom learning rather than support it, particularly in the junior years of secondary school. As such, we will only support the school-nominated device for Year 7 students in 2020. We appreciate your understanding as we work to best support the learning of your child.

Our shift to a single, consistent device will **seamlessly integrate** with our college ICT systems, including Compass, eduSTAR, and the Wifi network. All internet browsing is filtered to only allow appropriate web content, and services such as school email will integrate straight into the desktop.

We are aware that the **industry-standard software** is what brings a device to life. Our new approach will ensure all student devices are equipped with the latest Microsoft Windows, the full Microsoft Office suite and the full Adobe Creative Suite. Together with hundreds of other educational programs that link to our classroom learning, we can provide your child with extensive learning software at no additional cost.

We have worked hard to minimise the cost to families through careful selection of a device. Families may choose to purchase the device outright, or lease the device from the College, with annual payments. Families experiencing financial hardship are invited to contact the college where we will endeavour to provide support. For peace of mind, all devices carry a three-year warranty and insurance which covers accidental damage.

We are aware, from previous years, many families choose to buy their child the device as a Christmas gift - we have therefore structured our timeline to continue to support this opportunity. Further to this, with our bulk buying power, we are able to provide an Early Bird Offer with additional savings for orders placed before the 1st November, 2019.

If we can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the college on (03) 5127 9200.

Kind regards,

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Pricing Information

All devices are purchased or leased directly via our General Administration office at the college.

Early-Bird Offer

Pre-Order before 1st November, 2019.

Full setup with college systems and software, available for collection before Christmas.

Option 1 Purchase outright - \$819

Option 2 Lease agreement with three annual instalments
2019 Payment - \$350 (Due 1st November, 2019)
2020 Payment - \$320 (Due 6th November, 2020)
2021 Payment - \$250 (Due 5th November, 2021)

Option to purchase the device at the end of lease, with reimaging fee of \$20

Standard Ordering

From 2nd November 2019 to 6th December, 2019.

Full setup with college systems and software, available for collection by 30th January, 2020.

Option 1 Purchase outright \$849

Option 2 Lease with three annual instalments
28th September, 2019 - \$370
28th September, 2020 - \$320
28th September, 2021 - \$250

Option to purchase the device at the end of lease, with reimaging fee of \$20

Late Orders

After 6th December, 2019.

As per standard ordering, however, the device may not be ready for collection in time for the start of the 2020 school year.

Please note: As we aim to pass on our savings to families, our prices are subject to change in line with our suppliers. Annual payments as part of a lease agreement become fixed and confirmed at the time the formal lease agreement is entered into, for the life of the lease.