Primary School BYOD iPad Program

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It is crucial that we prepare our students for the digital future that we live in. In our modern world no one can escape the inevitability of needing to use a technology device. In the Prep to Year 10 Australian Curriculum, students are required to develop Information and Communication Technology (ICT) capability as they learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school. The end goal is developing young people who can be innovators, entrepreneurs, life-long learners and responsible global citizens. Using technology in classrooms facilitates the above needs and has the following benefits for students:

1. Helps connect students to the real world by removing the physical barriers of the classroom to access experiences and information from across the world.
2. Prepares students for future employment by allowing students to develop a working knowledge of certain technological tools for example: electronic calendars, web pages, teleconferencing, and office software.
3. Encourages collaboration by providing platforms where students can share and edit projects with each other.
4. Supports different types of learners through the use of assistive technology functions available in modern software, for example: magnified text on screen, dictation, speech-to-text and text readers.
5. Access information more easily via search engines and electronic texts and books, plus access 24/7 online help and tutorials readily available via the internet.
6. Teaches students how to be responsible online by practising how to communicate, search and engage with others in a digital environment.
7. Adds an engaging factor to learning for young people who use technology in all aspects of their life at home through digital learning tools that provide feedback on their learning.

Students entering Year 3 in 2024 will be expected to have a personal <u>iPad</u> to be used at school as part of their learning in classrooms from the commencement of 2024. As many families already have a suitable iPad at home, the program encourages families to have their child bring their existing device to school instead of purchasing a new one, as long as it meets the minimum requirements outlined below.

The attached information booklet – Primary School BYOD iPad Program Year 3-6 Charter – clearly outlines all the information about the program. Please read this information carefully with your child.

Please complete and return the attached BYOD Participants Agreement for 2024 and return to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 13 October. If you require a paper copy of the BYOD Participant's Agreement, please contact your child's classroom teacher and one will be sent home with your child for you to complete.

Yours sincerely,

Kylie Gurney
Primary School Principal

IPAD Minimum Specifications
The iPad must be one of the following and support iPadOS 14 or later·
- iPad Air 2 or later ·
- iPad 5th Gen or later ·
- iPad Pro (12.9 inch 3rd Gen or later, 11 inch 1st Gen or later, 10.5 inch 1st Gen or later, 9.7 inch 1st Gen or later)

The battery life must exceed 4 hours and a case and keyboard is recommended.

**All storage versions are supported (16GB, 32GB, 64GB, 128GB)

Any personal applications and content placed on the device may interfere with the storage requirements for school use as the full 16GB of storage may be required by some classes.

Apple devices meet the specifications for Education Queensland and will work quickly and easily on our network at school and for you at home (Internet access is via wireless). Network and platform maintenance costs to support the successful operation of the iPad devices at school will be covered by the school however hardware issues are the responsibility of parents. Visit the Apple website at www.apple.com.au for information about Apple warranty.

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