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ICT Devices for Year 8 and 9 Students in 2018 and 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I recently wrote to Parents/Guardians of Year 7 students who will be entering the College in 2018 to advise them of changes relating to ICT devices going forward.

As a result of an extensive review, I was able to advise that the College was extending its BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program to Year 7 students commencing at the College in 2018. This program is currently operating very successfully in Years 10 – 12.

That advice also indicated that students in Years 8 and 9 in 2018 could continue to use their current iPads. Whilst there was no need for Parents/Guardians to upgrade their child's device, a family could make that choice if they desired to do so.

It has been brought to my attention that there are possibly some different messages being provided to Parents/Guardians by students who may be keen to access a new device.

For clarity, I would like to restate that there is no requirement for a family with a student in Year 8 or 9 in 2018 (or 2019) to update their device to another format. Current iPads will serve the purpose.

However, should Parents/Guardians wish to update their child's device, they are able to do so. Parents/Guardians are directed towards the information set out below, which contains detailed information relating to the essential criteria for a device and suggested models at a variety of pricing points. Some additional models and other information has been provided by several local retailers and this may be found as part of the latest College Newsletter.

The preference of the College is for a 2 in 1 Laptop/Tablet device which is capable of digital inking.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Melanie Jodah, Digital Learning Coordinator at jodah.melanie@ncc.wa.edu

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Rob Crothers'.

Mr Rob Crothers
Principal



ICT Device Information BYOD Program

The College has been evaluating the ICT device arrangements, which required Year 7-9 students to purchase an iPad. The Leading Lights project, initiated by Catholic Education Western Australia, strongly advocates for schools to embrace Cloud based computing and the integration of Office365 tools. The current iPad devices provide limited functionality in this new environment.

Following a lengthy period of review and trial, it has been decided that the current Year 10 -12 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program will be extended to include students in Years 7 – 9. Therefore, students entering the College in Year 7 2018, will choose the device they prefer. Students in Years 8 or 9 in 2018 are not required to purchase a new device and may continue to use iPads.

The information presented below is intended to assist families in identifying and purchasing suitable devices for their children. Families will need to approach retailers directly or source their requirements from online services.

The College has received enquiries from some families who have already purchased an iPad for their child. The College's view is that an iPad can be used in such circumstances, however, it is not the preferred device as it has some limits regarding functionality within the new CEWA system. Where Parents/Guardians are considering a new device, the clear direction is that a 2-in-1 Laptop/Tablet device is the strongly preferred option.

Please refer to the below table for essential and preferred specifications.

Essential Minimum Specifications	
Device Type	Laptop or 2-in-1 Laptop/Tablet (Not iPad)
Processor	M3
Display Size	11.6
Battery Life	8 hours
RAM	4
Hard Drive	128 Solid State
Connectivity	Wireless
Preferred Specifications	
Device Type	2-in-1 Laptop/Tablet (Not iPad)
	Digital Ink (Pen)
	Touchscreen

When discussing purchasing options with retailers, Parents/Guardians may find it advantageous to show this letter, in its entirety.

Please note there is no specified device which must be purchased. Rather, families will choose the most appropriate device to suit their situation.

The below table identifies several recommended devices at strategic pricing points. The pricing points are described as 'Entry Level', 'Mid Range' and 'High End'. Understandably, one would expect that the capability and longevity of a device would be linked, to a degree, to its respective pricing point. Please note that the



price indicated was obtained from conducting a search on the internet. Such prices should be taken as a guide only. Prices may vary between individual retailers.

Entry Level	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Brand	Lenovo	Dell	Microsoft	Apple
Model	N24	Inspiron 11 3000	Surface Pro 4 M3	
Processor	N3450	M3	M3	
Display Size	11.6	11.6	12.3	
Battery Life	8 hours	13 hours	10 hours	
RAM	4	4	4	
Hard Drive	128	128	128	
Price	\$790	\$400	\$900	

Mid Range	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Brand	Lenovo	Dell	Microsoft	Apple
Model	Yoga 370	Inspiron 13 5000	Surface Pro 4 i5	Air
Processor	i5	i5	i5	i5
Display Size	13.3	13.3	12.3	13
Battery Life	12 hours	8 hours	8 hours	12 hours
RAM	8	4	4	8
Hard Drive	256	256	128	128
Price	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$1,200	\$1,500

High End	Option 1	Option 2	Option 3	Option 4
Brand	Lenovo	Dell	Microsoft	Apple
Model	Miix 720	Inspiron 13 7000	Surface Pro i5	Pro
Processor	i7	i7	i5	i5
Display Size	12	12	12.3	13
Battery Life	8 hours	8 hours	13 hours	12 hours
RAM	8	16	8	8
Hard Drive	256	512	256	256
Price	\$1,700	\$1,800	\$2,000	\$2,200

Families should determine the device which best suits each individual circumstance. It is expected that the above devices will perform at a reasonable level within the College network environment.