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**‘Bring Your Own Device’ Program**

Dear Parent / Caregiver,

In order to extend student learning, all of the students in the Stage 3 are being given the opportunity to bring their own iPad to school every day as part of a BYOD learning initiative.

***What is BYOD?***

BYOD stands for ‘Bring Your Own Device’. BYOD is an initiative that will allow students who have their own iPad to bring it to school to use it for educational purposes under the direction of a teacher. The iPads will be used in the teaching of all Key Learning Areas, including Mathematics and English.

***Why BYOD?***

There are many reasons to go BYOD, including:

* Bridging the gaps between school and home.
* Personalising and differentiating learning, eg: a variety of apps to create and produce quality pieces of work, accessibility and options to adjust learning experiences.
* Promoting students’ control of their learning.
* Building student organisation skills and sense of responsibility.
* Engaging students!

***Important BYOD Information***

* Students involved in BYOD must bring their device to school every day.
* If students do not have an iPad they will have opportunities to use the school iPad minis.
* All iPads must be clearly identifiable by its cover and clearly labelled with the student’s name.
* Each classroom will have lockers, which are fitted with a sturdy combination lock to store their iPad during lunch and recess breaks.
* Students must take their iPad home at the end of each school day.
* Students who bring their own iPad to school must take full responsibility for their own device. While every effort will be made to ensure their security, the school and its staff take no responsibility for loss, theft or damage to the device either at school or in travel to and from school.
* To teach independence and responsibility, students will be responsible for charging their iPad prior to bringing it to school **every day**. Charging facilities and time will not be provided at school due to the impact on learning.
* Students will have access to the school’s wireless network. They should not have a sim card in their iPad.
* A list of required apps required in the initial setup of BYOD is below. Students are expected to already have these downloaded to their iPad. The majority of these apps are free. The students are not expected to know how to use all the apps. This will be taught at school.
* Approximately $10-$20 worth of apps may need to be downloaded throughout the year to support programs in different Key Learning Areas. Notes will be sent home with the specific names of any apps needed to be downloaded at home.
* In order for students to participate in BYOD students and their parents will need to sign the attached user agreement.
* Teachers will inspect students’ personal devices if there is reason to believe that there has been inappropriate use of the Internet or apps.

**App List**

* Showbie
* Pages
* iMovie
* Garage Band
* iTunesU
* Skitch
* Mathletics
* LiteracyPlanet
* Book Creator
* Edmodo
* Photoshop
* Compass
* iBook
* QR Code
* Globe
* Pic Collage
* Educreations
* Tellagami ($6.49)

It is recommended that the iPad has casing that is tough and sturdy. You may also like to have a case with a keyboard built in. A carry case or skin to protect the device is also recommended for travelling to and from school. It is also expected that the app ‘Find iPhone’ is installed and setup in case of theft.

We will be starting the BYOD initiative in Term 2 and will be conducting a parent information session in the first week of term. Students are not allowed to use their iPads until the signed student agreement is returned to school.

Kind Regards,

Mr Whitten and the Technology Team.