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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to advise you of the new arrangements in relation to the Year 7 student ICT devices.

The College has been evaluating the previous arrangements, which required Year 7 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.

Whilst Parents/Guardians are able to source their preferred device from any retailer, the College is endeavoring to establish a direct online relationship with a provider to try and make the purchase process easier and simpler. More information on this will be available in coming weeks.

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.

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Regards,



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