Dear Parents and Carers,

As you are aware, after much discourse at the end of 2015, we will be proceeding with our BYODD initiative for 2016 (in Years 4 & 5 with optional inclusion in Year 6). This will expand in 2017 so that all students in Years 4–6 are part of the program. Please click here to access all information previously communicated and fed back to parents. (This section of the website will be periodically updated to reflect new communication as it comes to hand).

Our next steps are outlined below and we ask parents to work closely with us to communicate and choose purchase options. If ordering through the school, prices have been negotiated directly between CSO and Apple. School fee invoicing will be adjusted to reflect this one-off payment. To further support parents, there are GST incl and excl options available.

We are aware that cheaper options exist from some retailers and parents are most welcome to purchase directly. (Please ensure the correct specs are included, ie Apple Air 32 GB or Apple Air 2 64 GB Wi Fi). In all cases, we ask parents of Years 4 & 5 students to communicate their decisions for purchase through a specifically created communication portal which includes options for purchase through the school with fee invoice if that is your choice. Please click here to access this portal. Parents are asked to have completed this by February 17.

As already communicated, parents who are concerned about their ability to financially meet the costs of the BYODD initiative are asked to make an appointment to meet with me personally. As has always been the case, such conversations are always respectful, and no student will be excluded from the educational opportunities we are providing because of financial circumstances.

Our timeline for implementation is outlined below. Please keep note of this as we work together to support the introduction of the BYODD initiative.

February 17: Cut–off date for parents to communicate to the school purchase options (& order if purchasing through the school)
From February 22: Information and steps provided to parents in regard to app download for student iPads. (some apps will be free, some will have a small purchase price)
March 14: Student iPads can be brought to school (not before this date please)
March 29-April 7: Commencement of configuration for school and home environments of student iPads by CSO Mobile Device Team.
From Term 2: Full roll out and implementation of the BYODD initiative.

Finally, as we seek to support our students in their learning and provide the best opportunities possible, please be assured of our commitment to keep communication channels open – and support our parents on this journey. We have sought to work closely with CSO and other agencies to set this initiative up for a high degree of success, and parent support and feedback is central to this strategy. We will continue to keep you as informed as possible, and provide opportunities for firsthand feedback as the initiative rolls out. More information, including a clear statement of protocols will be communicated as part of this process.

With every good wish,

Mr Robert Peers
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