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2016 Senior Learning Unit iPad Program

Dear Grade 4 Parents

We have written this letter to ensure that you have as much time as possible to plan for the 1:1 iPad program in the SLU next year.

You are no doubt aware that our school operates a 1:1 iPad program in Grade 5 and 6. Whilst we do not deny any student access to technology at school, the benefits of the parent purchase system is that the iPad can be used at home and at school with information and learning available on the device, able to be accessed both on and offsite. The iPad should however, be considered a ‘family’ device not the sole possession of your grade 5 student.

The specifications we require for those supplying their own device is that it is a generation two or above device. iPad mini’s are also suitable. We do suggest that you check with the secondary school you are likely to enrol your child in, to see if they have specific requirements for Year 7 students. This way you may not have to purchase another iPad when your child transitions into secondary school. Although Monbulk College have not yet specified their requirements for next year we do know that they do not support iPad mini’s and ask for the most current iPad available.

We have found that parents are able to find better deals by shopping around than what we can offer through a bulk purchase system and therefore we no longer offer this option. We have seen some sales recently advertised and recommend you keep an eye out for a bargain.

We are planning to hold an iPad information evening later in the year for those parents who would like to know more about our program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Michael Leonard
Principal