FUTURE DIRECTION OF STUDENT DEVICES

P & F Meeting
Tuesday 10 June
CURRENT PROGRAM

- In place since 2013
- 1:1 iPad Years 5-12
- College initially committed to a 2 year program with the decision made to extend into 2015
- For students entering in Year 5, Year 7, Year 8 and other year levels in 2015 this commitment to a 2 year program remains
FEEDBACK FROM SURVEYS


- Parents, staff and students all surveyed
- Data was made available on the College website
- Indicates that the iPad is not a robust device for all year levels and all curriculum areas
IMPORTANT POINTS FOR PARENTS
(TAKEN FROM COMMENTS)

Uses and Benefits

- Convenient
- Mobile
- Quick to use
- Compact in size
- Access to textbooks
- Reduces the number of physical books required to be carried
- Video capabilities
- Access to internet
- Access to Blackboard
- Teaching boys how to engage in a digital age
- Email and communication
- 24/7 access including to textbooks
- Research
- Price is reasonable
- Ruggedness
Negatives

- Students using it for non-school related purposes
- Apple platform does not reflect most work environments
- Limited to Apple products
- Not sufficient for senior studies
- Not suitable for document production such as assignment preparation
- Not a replacement to a computer and shouldn’t be treated as such
- Lack of ability to monitor what the boys are doing
- Slow
- Too easy for students to access inappropriate material
- Distracting/time waster
- Anti-Social
- Not ergonomic
- Games
- No USB port
- Not able to upload to Blackboard
- Keyboard too small
- Battery life
- Inability to have multiple windows open
IMPORTANT POINTS FOR STUDENTS (TAKEN FROM COMMENTS)

Uses and Benefits

- Mobility
- One location for assignments, textbooks etc.
- Less other equipment to carry
- Research tool
- Ability to type
- Note taking
- Recording Homework
- Ability to create graphs
- Emailing
- Homework
- Completing Assignments
- Access to Blackboard and learning resources
- Quick to open apps
- Relatively small in size
- Keeping in touch with others
- Playing games
Negatives

- Limited functionality
- Limited access to printing
- Distracting
- Disruptive to learning
- Fragile
- Not being able to have and play games
- Not suitable for document creation, specifically word processing
- No USB port
- Having to access Citrix for some functionality
- Recent updates have reduced storage capacity
- Uploading assignments to Blackboard has to go through Citrix
Other Key Points from Survey....

- Majority of tasks are those which are browser related – can be done on any device with an internet connection.
- Printing from the iPads at the College is not foreseeable.
SUGGESTED MODEL FOR 2016

Year 5 – 6

Laptop device with a smaller screen – approximately 10”

Lower cost than laptop will be comparable with current price of iPad and include 3 yrs Accidental Damage Protection

Access to Office 365 including storage and Microsoft Office Suite
Year 7 – 9

Laptop device with larger screen (approx. 13”)
Higher processing capabilities to allow students to use Autocad for Graphics
Access to Office 365 including storage and Microsoft Office Suite
Year 10 - 12

Option of smaller less expensive device for Non-OP pathway students or full size laptop with higher processing capabilities for OP Pathway

Access to Office 365 including storage and Microsoft Office Suite
WHAT ABOUT TOUCH SCREEN?

- Can be investigated
- More costly device
WHAT BRAND OF DEVICES

- We are currently investigating a range of brands and models
- Given the speed with which technology changes, it is not possible to provide specific details as the devices available can change significantly in specification and price over a 6 month period
- Consideration to be given to cost of package
Purchasing Model

Purchase price will aim to include the following:

- Device preloaded with software
- Next business day on site warranty
- 3 yrs ADP
- Case

This will be put out to tender later this year with the expectation that the successful vendor will provide a parent login for purchasing of device. More details regarding this will be made available from the successful company.
WARRANTY AND CLAIMS

- The service point will be the College – devices will be handed in to a central point where they will be assessed by a 3rd party and repaired or ADP claim lodged as appropriate – process will be dependant on vendor

- A small number of spare machines available for warranty servicing

- College will not be responsible for lost files or any software that has been installed by the student or family
FEEDBACK

Or alternatively please email

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All feedback to received by Wednesday 24 June please