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Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 4,

The use of technology in the classroom has become the 'new normal' for many students. Teachers are able to provide engaging educational content in new ways. The options for exploration, collaboration, communication and self expression for both students and teachers are constantly expanding. To support this 'new normal' our school commenced a Bring Your Own iPad (BYO iPad) to school for students in Year 6 during 2016. This was an extremely successful programme with the students becoming well placed to transition into High School and to continue using personal devices in their learning. Upon review of the programme the decision was made to continue the BYO iPad for students and also expand the programme to include Year 5 students in 2017.

**The programme will continue in 2019 when your child moves to Year 5.** The purpose of this letter is to allow those families planning to purchase new or additional devices to be aware of our programme and also the minimum requirements of devices brought to school.

This is a **voluntary programme** and if you choose not to send an iPad to school, next year, other management arrangements will be put in place so that no child is disadvantaged. This will include students having access to school owned devices. Please note that these devices cannot be sent home and one major advantage of the BYO iPad programme is the ability to work between home and school, seamlessly.

**IF** you choose to allow your child to BYO iPad the minimum requirements are:

- An Apple iPad running IOS 10.0 or above
- WiFi (No SIM Required)
- A minimum screen size of 9 inches (23cm measured diagonally)
- Minimum storage of 32GB
- Sturdy cover
- Apple ID (instructions to follow, please do not create an Apple ID until further information is shared)
- AppleCare and Protection and a keyboard / keyboard case are optional

The iPad Pro (all models) and iPad 5<sup>th</sup> Generation fit the specifications above, as do other models. Please check carefully, however, against the minimum specifications required as listed in the dot points above.

If you choose to participate in this programme and allow your child to bring their own device to school we will ask that you and your child sign the User Agreement and return this before we connect your child's device to our network. The User Agreement will be supplied in 2019.

This is an exciting initiative for your child and a continuation of a very successful programme that commenced last year. We look forward to sharing with you the work and achievements of the students throughout 2019. As we get closer to the start of the 2019 school year we will provide a comprehensive package of information including the User Agreement and FAQs along with an information session early in the new year (as part of our Information Nights).

In the mean time please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our BYO iPad programme.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Blissenden  
Principal