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Dear Parents and Carers of Students in Year 5,

As you are aware our school has been operating a BYO iPad programme very successfully for the past few years. This year the vast majority of students in Year 5 participated in the BYO iPad programme ensuring they had a seamless transition from school to home and back to school for their learning. The BYO iPad programme has enhanced our Project Based Learning work, seen very high engagement levels from the students and allowed for communication in a modern technology based environment. We are confident the skills the students are developing will hold them in good stead in year 6, for High School and for their futures.

The programme will continue in 2019 when your child moves to Year 6. 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.

As you are aware some devices will no longer be supported on our network from 2019, including iPad mini's and early generation iPads. This is primarily due to devices no longer supporting updates to security measures or operating systems and therefore being incompatible with our network. Our network is a robust, modern network that gives students access to shared resources. It is critical that students have a safe network in which to work, digitally, and our network and its architecture provide such an environment.

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 5th 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 (or re-sign if you signed this year) the User Agreement and return this before we connect (or re-connect) your child's device to our network. The User Agreement will be supplied in 2019.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding our BYO iPad programme.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Blissenden
Principal