

# GLOSSOP HIGH SCHOOL

## Middle Campus

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Dear Student, Parent/Caregiver

### Re: BYODs (Bring Your Own Devices)

Last year the ICT committee looked at our long term strategic plan to provide access to computers across the school. At this stage, as a result of the *Digital Education Revolution* funding in 2010, we have over 600 computers to maintain across both campuses. These computers are now aging. The cost of maintaining these computers is high and replacing all of them is prohibitive – a common scenario facing all schools. While we are replacing computers in key teaching areas and upgrading components of others, we need to look at reducing the number of computers we have to maintain.

The ICT committee drafted a proposal to shape the direction we would take in the future. At this stage we would

- **At the Middle Campus**, maintain the status quo with the provision of sets of laptops (15 per classroom) for use in most classrooms at Middle Campus, specialist computing labs and the Resource Centre. This would be reviewed in the future.
- **At the Senior Campus**, provide
  - Laptops in the library for students to access all required software used at school except for CAD – new laptops have been purchased for this in 2016
  - Maintain specialist labs / machines for teaching areas in ICT, Tech and Art subjects
  - A limited number of laptops in classrooms – currently there are 15, but that number would reduce to a base level over time as machines fall into disrepair. We would continue to provide these machines for those who are unable to access their own.
- Maintain machines for Administrative use on both campuses

At a meeting last year, the Governing Council voted in favour of pursuing the introduction of BYODs (Bring Your Own Device) at the Senior School as a school policy. **This is not mandatory at this stage, but would be phased in over the next few years as the provision of the number of machines in classrooms declines.**

Currently many students at the Senior Campus are bringing their own device and accessing the school network. Students are able to have a device of their choice, but are encouraged to bring one that is at least Windows 7 compatible and able to use Microsoft Office software for ease of use. If in doubt, contact our IT technician at the Senior Campus for advice. When choosing a device, students are urged to consider size (for weight considerations) and battery life. Machines cannot be charged at school for safety reasons, so must be able to last the day without charging. There are many machines available locally at very reasonable prices.

For your convenience, attached is a copy of the 'BYOD Policy' consent form that must be signed by both student and parent/caregiver. This form outlines the conditions under which students can bring and connect their device to the school network and the process to follow.

We are mindful that this places a financial impost on families and are working to ensure that no student is disadvantaged. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me at school on 85 832 004.

Regards

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