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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that Whites Hill State College will be maintaining a 1 to 1 Learning Program. The Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad device will ensure all Junior Secondary students (Year 7 – 9) will be using iPads in class.

The curriculum for students in these year levels will be supported by activities involving the use of iPads and various apps. Our goal is for students to use iPads as a tool to support key processes in learning – accessing, organising, processing and publishing information, collaboration, creativity and communication – and for teachers to use them as an environment to facilitate deeper engagement in learning and 21st century skills. We thank you for your support of this initiative which will enchance ICT-enabled teaching and learning providing an environment for students that is relevant to their needs.

Under the program parents / caregivers will supply an iPad ready with installed apps as standard school equipment through a Bring Your Own (BYO) scheme. The College recommended device is:

- 64 GB Wi-Fi standard 10.2" iPad (9th generation) with an Apple Pencil.
- We strongly recommend the Wi-Fi only model over the 3G model to reduce the cost to parents and to ensure internet traffic at the College is filtered.
- iPads should be in a protective case to prevent/minimise accidental damage.
- Families will make their own decisions about where and how to purchase iPads and accessories.
- An Apple Magic mouse and Bluetooth keyboard can enhance the functionality of the iPad however should not be considered compulsory.

Other devices are acceptable (e.g. iPad Mini 6, iPad Pro or iPad Air 4th and 5th Generation iPads) however these devices need to be capable of running iOS 16. Please note that while cheaper, iPad Minis do loose some functionality due to a smaller screen. A 64GB iPad is recommended for school however, parents may choose a higher capacity model if they wish.

Further information about this program, including Frequestly Asked Questions, Cybersafety resources and iPad help documents, can be found on the College website (http://whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au). Go to Extra-Curricular then Computer /Internet on the home page. It is strongly recommended that parents / caregivers make themselves familiar with these documents. The App list will be updated by the end of the school year. A tentative list of required apps is outlined below.

Free Apps
Microsoft Word
Microsoft PowerPoint
Microsoft Excel
Microsoft OneNote
Microsoft OneDrive
Microsoft Teams
Education Perfect (EP student)
Pages
Numbers
Keynote
Google Chrome
Adobe Reader
iMovie
Books
Garage Band
NAP Browser

Please note that while the Microsoft suite is free, an Office 365 account is required to access all of the features. Students can use their Education Queensland credentials, MISID and password, to log into Office 365 and access all of the features for no additional cost.

Students of families unable to provide a device will be supported with access to a suitable ICT device during the school day if required following consultation with the Head of School 7 – 12 or College Principal.

If you have any further questions regarding the program please contact Mrs Richenda Wagener, College Principal on admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au

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