

13th October 2020

Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The purpose of this letter is to offer your child an opportunity to embrace their learning at Whites Hill State College through our 1 to 1 Learning Program which entails a take home laptop device from Year 10 in 2021.

At Whites Hill State College, we continually strive to enhance teaching and learning to provide an environment for students that is relevant to their needs in the 21st century. To ensure that students succeed, teachers use a variety of resources and strategies to personalize learning for students. In recent years, particularly through our 1 to 1 Learning Program in Senior Secondary, we have found that ICT-enabled teaching and learning allows for more active engagement and connections for students. For many students who have chosen VET courses, media subjects or subjects with online components a laptop is mandatory.

Whites Hill State College has operated a successful 1 to 1 Learning Program in Senior Secondary for the past seven years. The program operates through the College entering into a "private treaty" agreement with parents. The College purchases and owns the devices with parents making an annual payment over three years. At the end of the agreement period, ownership of the devices is transferred to the student. This allows for parents to spread the purchase cost of a device over three years without any interest charges.

From 2021, the College will be offering parents the choice of two different models of laptops. The first option is designed for student who have chosen predominantly applied and general subjects and will hold up to the requirements of research and assessment work from the majority of the subjects offered at the College. The second option is for those students who have chosen media-based subjects or for families who would like a computer with performance above that of the other model. This computer is mandatory for students who are choosing a subject where, photo, music or video editing is part of the course work.

The cost of the program differs between computer models, and is \$184 per semester over three years (total - \$1,100) for the general laptop and \$250 per semester over three years (total - \$1500) for the media laptop. These payments are non-refundable and include:

- Laptop computer (HP Probook)
- Soft protective case
- 3 Year Accidental Damage Warranty
- Antivirus software
- Departmental software (including Microsoft Office Suite and Adobe Creative Cloud)
- Additional College technical support

Payment of at least half of the first-year's fee (\$184 or \$250 depending on model) and must be received before the laptop is issued. The signed participation form must also be returned.

Should a situation arise in which the payment plan lapsed, the laptop would be returned to the College until the outstanding laptop agreement fees are paid.

A condition of participating in this program is that there are no outstanding invoices. If you currently have open invoices can you please contact Pru in our finance office to finalise the payment these by the end of the 2020 school year. Payments will not be applied to the 1 to 1 Learning Program until the student's account with college is current.

Attached with this letter is the Student 1 to 1 Learning Program Participant's Agreement Form. **This agreement must be signed and returned to the office no later than Friday the 13th November 2020** so that an order can be placed, and the laptops received and made ready for Term 1 2021. Orders for laptops for students that return their completed documentation after this date will be made early to mid-Term 1 2021. Please note this later order may have a higher cost as the supplier updates their costs monthly and delivery time can be up to 8 weeks.

If you have any further questions regarding the program, please contact the College's Administration Office:

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