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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you and your child of the College's 1 to 1 Learning Program that commences in Year 10.

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 personalise 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 or subjects with online components a laptop is, for all intent and purposes, mandatory.

The 1 to 1 Learning Program has operated for the past five years and there are two options available.

Option 1 – Lease to Own

This option allows parents to enter a "private treaty" agreement with the College under a *Lease to Own* program. Under this agreement the College purchase and own the devices with parents making bi-annual payment for 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. The expected cost of the school purchased device (and supplied accessories and programs) is $1740 (6 x bi-annual payment of $290).

Option 2 – BYOD

This option allows for students to bring/use their own device through a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program. The BYOD Program offers families some flexibility to tailor their choice of technology to their child's educational needs. Devices that are being used as part of the BYOD Program will be required to be enrolled through Microsoft Intune, a mobile device management system. This will allow for limited management of the device by the college, primarily settings relating to the use of the College's WIFI network. Intune enrolment does not incur any charges/fees but does require that devices meet certain minimum specifications as outlined below:

- Windows 10 or 11 Operating System (or MacOS 11 Ventura)
- Core i5 Processor (or equivalent)
- 8GB RAM
- 512GB SSD
- 8-hour battery life
- 5GHz WiFi compatibility
- Anti-virus software

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The table below outlines some of the main differences between the two options.

	Lease to Own	BYOD
Device provided	Dell Latitude 5440	As determined by the family
Warranty and Cover	3 Year warranty including Next Business Day service and Accidental Damage Protection	As organised by the family
Agent responsible for warranty claims	WHSC IT Staff	Student/family
Loan Laptop	Available upon warranty claim submission	N/A
IT Support	Support for all device and network issues	Support limited to: • Network access • Printing access • Intune assistance
Microsoft Office and Adobe Suite	Pre-installed by IT Staff	Accounts provided by WHSC; installation completed by student/family
Anti-virus software	Pre-installed by IT Staff	As organised by the family
Microsoft Intune enrolment	Not required	Completed by Student/family at home. IT Support available if required

Attached with this letter is an Expression of Interest Form for the *Lease to Own* program which needs to returned by **Friday 6 October 2023.** It is imperative that these forms are returned promptly so that we can place our initial order by Week 2 Term 4 2023. The ordering of the laptops this year is done with the intent of the laptops arriving and being set up and ready to go from the start of the 2024 school year. Additional orders will be made late Term 4 2023 and Term 1 2024 if required. Please note that orders made after the initial order may have a higher cost as the supplier updates their costs monthly, they will also not be at the college in time for the beginning of the 2024 school year.

If you have any further questions regarding the program, please contact the College Administration Office on admin@whiteshillsc.eq.edu.au.

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