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## **1:1 BYOD Technology Program – 2014 Senior Years: Years 9, 10 & 11**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In 2014 we are continuing on our journey to deliver high quality teaching and learning programs with the aide of technology integration. This year we were recognised as an Apple Distinguished School, an achievement that carries a great deal of pride amongst our college community. The achievement of this recognition has certainly, in no uncertain terms, come by the astounding work that both our teachers and students have done to use high end technology to support teaching and learning practices.

2014 will see our college continue to grow in its implementation and use of technology as we further our 1:1 programs across the school. Students will continue to be creative, innovative and collaborative with their devices to assist them in meeting valuable student learning outcomes whilst being engrossed in 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning practices.

We want our students to strive for excellence through a personalised learning program that integrates the curriculum and fully exploit the use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). The use of mobile technologies (iPad and MacBook devices) to assist this, along with countless online Web 2.0 programs, social media/networking tools, and available applications, will ensure that we are preparing our students for a new era in personalised learning and digital creation.

Our 1:1 Technology Program will help us achieve all of the above by:

- Providing students with access to their own mobile device. This will ensure that students can create, collaborate and have access to 'Anytime, Anywhere' learning environments.
- Providing strong wireless Internet access that connects all students to local and global online communities.
- Allowing students to access information at hand and to demonstrate their understanding of the curriculum.
- Providing all students with opportunities for rich and relevant learning that is engaging, promotes excellence and is personalised.

For 2014 we will be continuing to encourage the integration and successful growth of the 'BYOD' (Bring Your Own Device) model. This involves parents and families having to purchase an Apple device, if they do not already have full time access to one, for their student at Manor Lakes College to support teaching and learning within the senior years of schooling. As we are an Apple Mac College, students are to only have an Apple device however the type of device is up to you as a family to decide upon. This is a discussion to be had as a family as students may require the use of a laptop device, or, the use an iPad device may also be sufficient.

As a college we cannot emphasize enough the importance of students needing full time access to a device that is consistently brought to school to support teaching and learning. We are moving heavily towards the use of online learning environments such as Edmodo, Schoology and Evernote for students to capture connect and collaborate on to support their learning.

We have investigated ways in which families are to be able to fund the 1:1 iPad program through the BYOD model. This will involve parents and families having to purchase an iPad device, if they do not already have full time access to one, for their student at Manor Lakes College.

The fastest and easiest way to purchase a device is via a retail outlet (Apple Store, JB-Hi Fi, Harvey Norman, Big W, Office Works, etc.) or through the Apple Retail Store online. As Apple Australia determines costing's on these devices you will not see a great deal of variance between store prices however occasionally you will notice that extra accessories and the like will often be bundled.

Via Apple's online store, <http://store.apple.com/au>, there are 2 separate purchasing sites which you may find beneficial. The education section, <http://store.apple.com/au-hed>, and the refurbished section, <http://store.apple.com/au-hed/browse/home/specialdeals>.

The education section of the apple store offers Apple devices at a reduced cost for students. The refurbished store offers Apples devices a reduced costs as they are devices that have been returned to Apple, then refurbished, and sold as used. Refurbished devices carry all brand new Apple warranties as if purchased new.

Additional costs such as screen protectors, covers, cases and any additional accessories will obviously add to costs. As a college, we strongly recommend cases and covers to limit damages. Websites such as eBay are wonderful for finding these extras at heavily reduced costs.

No matter where your device is purchased from, we as a College are more than happy for that device as mentioned to be of any model. This meaning a 16GB Wi-Fi iPad device, to a MacBook Pro laptop to anything in between, the choice is entirely up to you as a family.

To support families in this journey, new, up to date documentation will soon be released prior to the end of this term. There will also be parent information sessions in term 4.

For students needing a device for 2014, this will not be required until the beginning of February, 5 months from now.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me below either via email or by phoning the college.

Thank you,

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