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Dear Parents/Guardians,

### **Re: Changes to Years 10-12 BYOD Program from 2018-2020**

Since 2013, Bayside Christian College has operated an optional Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for Years 10-12 students. The program allows students to bring their own personal computing device to school to assist their learning. The BYOD program will continue to be non-compulsory for the 2018 school year.

Since the introduction of the program, the amount of content delivered online has increased significantly. Students participating in the BYOD program have ready access to study resources including Edumate, Edrolo and the College Learning Management System, Google Classroom, throughout the day.

Students not participating in BYOD only have access to these important resources when a computer in the Library, Computer Lab, or other study areas is available for them to use. This is having a significant impact on the ability of teachers to deliver course content and of students to meet the requirements of their classes.

Next year, the College will begin working towards the implementation of a mandatory BYOD program in senior Secondary School. From the beginning of the 2019 school year, it will be mandatory for all Years 10 and 11 students - both VCE and VCAL - to bring a personal computing device to school every day. It will be mandatory for all Years 10-12 students in 2020.

#### **BYOD Device Leasing**

In order to assist families prepare for the mandatory BYOD program, from next year, the College will be offering families the option of leasing a personal computing device. Some advantages of the new BYOD leasing option include:

- the certainty of having a device that has been evaluated and selected to work optimally with the College curriculum and IT systems,
- extended warranty coverage and accident protection insurance for the full term of the lease, eliminating the risk of unforeseen costs due to out-of-warranty damage and repairs,
- temporary replacement of any damaged devices or those requiring warranty repairs, as well as rapid turnaround time on repairs through a nearby authorised Apple or HP repair centre,

- rather than purchasing a device up-front, payments are spread across the duration of the lease and can be made as part of the normal fee payment schedule, and
- families can choose to purchase the device at the end of the lease.

As the standard duration of a lease is three years, the College recommends that students undertaking Year 10 in 2018 commence their lease next year, to cover Years 10-12. Parents starting a new lease for their Year 11 or 12 student will only be required to pay for the portion of the lease while their child remains at Bayside; either one or two years of the three.

As the College IT supplier is currently finalising its product offerings, we anticipate being able to share with families within the next 1-2 weeks the details of the devices available to be leased via the College in 2018 and the relevant rates.

### **BYOD Approved Devices**

Students participating in the BYOD program who choose not to take advantage of the leasing option may use any device that meets the requirements outlined in the “Student Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy” - see <http://tinyurl.com/qd4aua9> for details. This applies to both the non-compulsory program in 2018 and the compulsory program commencing in 2019-2020.

### **BYOD Access and Student Responsibility**

Web filtering will be in use on the BYOD network while students are at the College (not at home), and all students are expected to comply with all College policies when using their device on campus in the same way they would when using College-owned devices. Students participating in the BYOD program must sign and return the BYOD Policy Agreement to the ICT Department prior to connecting their device to the BYOD network. The full Student BYOD Policy can be found online at <http://tinyurl.com/qd4aua9>.

Should you have any queries about the transition from the optional to compulsory BYOD program between 2018 and 2020, please email our Head of Secondary School, Mrs Shirley Patterson, [shirley.patterson@baysidecc.vic.edu.au](mailto:shirley.patterson@baysidecc.vic.edu.au).

We look forward to our ongoing partnership with you as your children grow in their strengths and understanding in 2018 and beyond.

Yours in Christ,



**Dr Chris Prior**  
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