Dear Parents/Caregivers

You will be aware that the College provided a laptop program for students in Years 11 and 12 via the Federal Government’s Digital Education Revolution [DER] program. This funding commenced in 2008 and concluded in mid-2013.

The College welcomed the DER funding, but at the time anticipated the model was unsustainable in the long term. The College also co-invested with the DER funding to prolong the life of the laptop program and to build and update infrastructure to provide for excellent connectivity and learning support.

After consulting other schools and costing several models, the College has decided the sustainable replacement program to the 11/12 Laptop Program will be a “Bring Your Own Device” model.

This model has been discussed at our Senior School Information evenings in 2015 and 2016 and the latest information is on the College’s website at www.investigator.sa.edu.au/byod

This year, Year 11 students participated in the first year of the Bring Your Own Device program. This program has proved highly successful and has provided for a number of options, formats and prices to better cater for the diversity of student needs. In particular, allowing for a range of devices catering for:

- The technology-rich demands of Senior Schooling
- Full integration with the 21st Century Learning environment of the new Senior School Campus
- Different student learning styles and preferences
- Different student technical needs, depending on student subject choices and interests
- Equity of access because students may choose to purchase devices from a wide range of specifications and prices

From the start of 2017, all students in Senior School (Years 10-12) at the College will be required to participate in the BYOD program. The BYOD program is designed to allow senior students to choose and bring to the learning environment one or several devices of their choice. The devices will connect seamlessly via the on campus College wireless network and extend to any internet connection outside the College.

The College has adopted a two-fold strategy to provide the best outcomes for students. It is important to note that in both areas parents will need to insure the device as they deem appropriate.

- Bring Your Own Device. This model is a ‘recommended platform model’, whereby the College has tested and supports the Windows 7, 8 and 10 and MacBook platforms. This means that students may purchase (or may already own) devices from a variety of brands and price points.
- Purchase a device via the purchase portal provided by JB HiFi Education. This new purchase portal allows parents to purchase a device that matches the required specifications, select payment options that suit the family budget, and have it delivered to the College ready for 2017.
Please have your son/daughter complete the attached *Bring Your Own Device – Student Agreement* at your earliest convenience and return to Administration on or before 3rd February 2017.

The College investigated a range of options to allow students to access 21st century learning. We believe the range of options offered provides excellent flexibility, upgradability and value. We are also aware that many students and families already own compatible devices and that the highly competitive computer sales environment works to the benefit of students and families.

The Bring Your Own Device program will be improved as technology changes, processes improve and experience increases. If you have questions or feedback about the program you can contact the Bring Your Own Device Delivery Team via email at byod@investigator.sa.edu.au and we will respond to your query within one business day.

Yours sincerely

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