

22 November 2016

**TO: PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS**

Dear Parents / Carers,

Next year your student is entering their Senior phase of schooling. One of the differences is Senior students are able to participate in one of the two laptop schemes we have available at the school. Students, as well as teachers, have expressed high levels of satisfaction in having all students with access to a laptop at school and at home, therefore we encourage you to support your student in accessing one of the following options -

**1. Bring Your Own (BYOx) Laptop scheme** is where a student's own laptop is configured to connect to the school's IT system, internet and printers. The cost is \$90 per annum for this service. If students choose to bring their own laptop they will have internet, network and printer access whilst at school through our wireless system. The fee also provides them with limited IT support for school system problems. A replacement device is provided if their BYO device is being repaired, but for a limited time.

Student laptops should meet our organisational requirements and can be procured from different sources. A number of suppliers offer suitable devices and fully understand our requirements, including after sales service, extended warranty and accidental damage insurance. Links to these suppliers can be found on the SSHS website [www.stanthorshs.eq.edu.au](http://www.stanthorshs.eq.edu.au).

If you are purchasing devices from other suppliers, we recommend student laptops have these minimum specifications—

| Standard Laptop Minimum Specifications |  |
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| Platform                               | PC/Mac   |
| Screen size                            | 12 inches or more  |
| Processor                              | Intel i3 or higher   |
| RAM                                    | 2GB or higher  |
| Hard drive                             | 160GB or higher  |
| Operating system                       | Windows 7 Professional or higher, Mac OSX 10.6 or higher             |
| Wireless                               | 802.11g or higher  |
| Ports                                  | 2 USB ports, audio in/out, in-built microphone                       |
| Battery life                           | 6+ hours (6+ cell or higher)   |
| Programs                               | Microsoft Office (free online at the SSHS website) or Mac equivalent |

| High End Laptop Specifications – for subjects including ITN & Graphics |  |
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| Platform   | PC/Mac   |
| Screen size  | 12 inches or more  |
| Processor  | Intel i5 or higher   |
| RAM  | 4GB or higher  |
| Hard drive   | 256GB or higher  |
| Operating system   | Windows 8.1 Professional or higher, Mac OSX 10.9 or higher           |
| Wireless   | 802.11g or higher  |
| Ports  | 2 USB ports, audio in/out, in-built microphone                       |
| Battery life   | 6+ hours (6+ cell or higher)   |
| Programs   | Microsoft Office (free online at the SSHS website) or Mac equivalent |

**2. The Take-home Laptop Scheme** is where students pay \$150 per year to have the use of a laptop provided by the school. These are 2<sup>nd</sup> hand computers which have been previously used by students. But remember the school laptop then becomes the responsibility of the student including repairs if damaged. A basic maintenance service is provided by the school with a replacement device provided whilst it is being repaired. The laptop is also returned at the end of each year.

If you would like to participate in either one of these programs, please complete the attached Student Laptop Charter agreement (Option 1 **BYOx** OR Option 2 **Take-home**) and return it to the Student Resource Scheme Office during issue week 16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> January 2017 along with the appropriate payment.

All BYOx devices with returned forms will be linked to the network within the first 2 weeks of school. All Take-home devices with returned forms, will be ready for collection in the first 2 weeks of school. If you return your form after classes have commenced, you may experience some delay in receiving your chosen service due to the large numbers of students being processed.

For further information regarding the scheme, please contact Melissa Pascoe, School Resource Manager, via email [mpasc36@eq.edu.au](mailto:mpasc36@eq.edu.au) or phone the school directly on 46815888.

Yours faithfully,

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