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Dear Parents and Carers of Years 4 and 5,

RE: BYOD Program in 2016, Years 5 and 6

After our parent meeting in Term 3, to which all parents and carers of Years 4 and 5 students were invited to attend, we have spent considerable time working with Catholic Education to refine and develop the BYOD Program being introduced in Years 5 and 6 in 2016.

Please find attached a copy of the *Handbook for Parents* and the *BYOD Acceptable User Agreement*. Each of these is designed to provide as much information to families as possible to assist their child to participate.

As we have taken some additional time to get these documents right and answer some of the questions that were raised during the evening we will have a 'soft launch' in Term 1 2016 where students can bring along their intended devices to try out in the classroom environment. We will have 20 ipads for student use in the classroom for those not ready to bring a device to school. From Term 2 we expect that all students will have a device that fits the specification requirements outlined in the handbook.

Please remember that we are open to a number of devices and new devices are not required. Please read the handbook for more information. For those interested in purchasing new devices and receiving the discounted educational price we are currently negotiating purchase portals that will soon appear on our school website. The discount provided is small. It may also be wise to take advantage of after Christmas sales.

Please feel free to contact myself or Melanie Stratford should you have any further questions about the BYOD Program.

Students currently in Year 5 are welcome to bring in devices for the last two weeks of this term to test out in the classroom environment. Please be sure to read the *BYOD Acceptable User Agreement* in this pack before doing so to ensure that you are fully aware of the responsibilities and management of security and safety when the devices are at school.

We look forward to this exciting time ahead.

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