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Dear Parents

I am writing to inform you of the College’s approach to the provision of laptops from the 2017 school year. In the past the College has purchased the student devices with the support of Sydney Catholic Schools and parents have leased them back as part of the school fee structure. As the Digital Education Revolution funding has concluded this model can no longer be sustained. As a result the College is moving to a Bring Your Own Designated Device (BYODD) approach in 2017.

The designated device we have chosen is the 13-inch Apple MacBook Air model with the following minimum specifications:

- 1.6GHZ i5 processor
- 8GB RAM
- 128GB flash storage (Years 7-9) or 256GB flash storage (Years 10-12)
- 3 Year AppleCare Protection Plan.

In moving forward the College requires each student to acquire the designated device if they are entering Year 7 or Year 10.

Sydney Catholic Schools has developed a Parent Portal to assist families in making an informed decision about the purchase of a designated device. It is anticipated that the Parent Portal will identify potential vendors offering a number of purchasing alternatives. The Parent Portal can be accessed using a web browser at the following url: http://byo.sydney.catholic.edu.au. Click on the Apple icon and enter the following password: Sydneycs2016.

Parents have a choice in where they purchase the designated device they for their child. Payment will be an agreement between the parent and the vendor they choose to purchase from. Whilst the vendors will provide a number of financing options, the College does not represent or endorse any purchase financing. Any finance availed of are the responsibility of the parent or carer and the College is not responsible for any decision made in the financing of the purchase.

Families are encouraged to contact the College Business Manager to discuss any financial concerns affecting the purchase of the designated device.

Please refer to the attached brochure which outlines further information about BYODD at St Patrick’s College.

Yours faithfully

Ms Libby Denny
College Principal