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Dear Parents and Guardians

**Personal Learning Device Program for Years 5 in 2016**

The College has implemented the compulsory *Personal Learning Device* ("PLD") Program as part of the strategic eLearning Plan 2012 to 2015. Negotiations with our vendors and financing arrangements have now been finalised and I am pleased to announce the details of the program. Enclosed is an information flyer about the program and the PLD Rental Agreement for your review.

The rationale for our PLD Program is to better equip students to make a positive difference in this ever changing world. The College has a program to assist with the introduction of PLDs so as to:

- assist students to become more adept in the efficient use of technology;
- develop students’ understanding of how to use technology in an ethical, safe and moral way based on an authentic application of Catholic values;
- allow teachers to better use technology as a tool to develop authentic learning experiences based on deep understanding that challenge, motivate and inspire students and promote a love of learning;
- educate students about 21st-century skills: how to control the sourcing and construction of knowledge; how to learn through local and global connections; how to think creatively and work collaboratively.

**The Device**

Students in Year 5 in 2016 will be issued with a new Lenovo ThinkPad 10 (Gen 2), a Windows 10 tablet device with stylus. This is the most recent generation of ThinkPad and is more advanced than our previous deployments. Students will be continued to be supported by a dedicated ICT Help Desk that facilitate warranty claims and accidental damage insurance.

More information is available on the College website, including guides and Frequently Asked Questions.
Return of Agreements
Would you please use the enclosed envelope and return the blue copy of the PLD Rental Agreement to the College no later than **Wednesday, 20 January 2016**.

PLD Deployment
Students will be issued with their device at the start of the 2016 academic year. Year 5 students will have a *boot-camp* in their second week at the College.

All students will have continued instruction and development in the use of this technology through their Computing lessons.

Should you have any queries in relation to the Program please contact our eLearning Coordinator, Mr Justin Hodges for general matters and our Business Manager, Mr Andrew Ballesty for matters relating to the agreement.

Yours sincerely

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Mr John Couani
Principal