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Dear Parents and Guardians

Personal Learning Device Program for Year 7 in 2016

I am pleased to announce details of the Personal Learning Device (“PLD”) Program for students next year. Negotiations with our vendors and financing arrangements have now been finalised and I am pleased to enclose 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 7 in 2016 will be issued with the Microsoft Surface Pro 4. This device is a Windows 10, 12” tablet device with touch screen, stylus and keyboard. Students will continue to be supported by a dedicated ICT Help Desk that facilitate warranty claims and accidental damage and theft insurance.

The College’s eLearning Committee has reviewed the existing PLD Program and considered formal feedback offered by staff, students and parents. The Microsoft Surface Pro 4 has been chosen as it offers increased opportunities for students. A larger 12” touch screen and adjustable kick stand meets the needs of our learning spaces and also remains light and durable. There is a full sized stylus to achieve more refined graphic work as well as digital tasks through our Learning Management Systems.
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 at your earliest convenience, but no later than Wednesday, **20 January 2016**.

**PLD Deployment**

Students will be issued their PLDs in the first few days of Term 1. This will include a boot camp to ensure that your son is set up to access his timetable, e-mail and the Portal.

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

Mr John Couani
**Principal**