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Dear Parents and Carers

Middle College Devices 2017

Please find attached updated information about Middle College Student Devices for 2017.

Device Options Year 6-8

Existing families

1. Continue to participate in the current rental scheme if you are an existing family, making no change to your agreement.
2. Opt in to the new device option in the rental scheme, see information attached. Families who do this may be involved in payment for two devices, the iPad in their current agreement and the HP device in the updated agreement.
3. Bring your own device meeting the attached specifications for Year 6-8.
4. Families of Year 8 students for 2017 may choose to BYOD, meeting the Year 9 or senior college specifications attached.

New families

1. Participate in the PLC rental agreement, selecting one of the two devices on offer (see information attached).
2. Provide your own Ipad Air 2, HP Elite X2 or Surface Pro 4 (see specifications outlined in the rental agreement information attached).
3. Families of Year 8 students for 2017 may choose to BYOD, meeting the Year 9 or senior college specifications attached.

Year 9

Existing families

Families, as previously communicated, are required to move to BYOD and are asked to meet the specifications outlined in the attached specifications document and listed on the college website.

New families

New families are required to BYOD and are asked to meet the specifications outlined in the attached specifications document and listed on the college website.

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Year 6-8 Device Rental Agreement Form 2017

Pacific Lutheran College require Year 6-8 students access to a personal device as an integral part of the Teaching and Learning program in the Middle College. The College offers families the opportunity to participate in a rental program to provide convenient access to these devices.

There are two options provided by the college:

| College Options | Device | Specifications | Cost |
|-----------------|----------------------------|---|--|
| Option 1 | iPad Air 2 | 128Gb WiFi | \$110 per term over 2 years (8 terms) |
| Option 2 | HP Elite X2 1012 Tablet PC | Core M3 CPU 12" screen (1920x1280) 4Gb Ram 128 Gb SSD Active Pen Wi-Fi (n/ac) Full Keyboard Front and rear camera 6 hour battery life | \$115 per term over 3 years (12 terms) |

Families with students in Years 6-8 may take advantage of this device rental program which is charged to the school fees account. The charge includes the use of either:

one iPad Air 2, 128Gb Wi-Fi, insurance and iPad Apps of approximately \$100 value.

OR

one HP Elite X2 1012 Wi-Fi Tablet PC insurance and Apps of approximately \$100 value.

At the end of the rental period, families have the option to purchase the rental device from the college for a nominal fee (less than \$5). If the student leaves the college, he/she may return the device or assume ownership of it by paying the remaining payments (plus GST).

Due to the nature and value of these devices they are prone to damage or theft. Families and students are responsible for repair costs or insurance excesses should the device be damaged or stolen whilst in your care. Details of various types of damage and loss including the levels of liability are outlined in Table 1.1 within this form.

Types of Damage/Loss (Table 1.1)

| Category | Example | Parental Liability |
|--------------------------------------|--|---|
| Accidental Damage | Impact, water damage, cracked screen, damaged case or shell. | Insurance Excess of \$250 will apply |
| Theft or | Stolen from home or public location – no evidence of break in. | Insurance Excess of \$250 |
| Burglary | Where there is evidence of break-in. | Requires an accompanying police report. |
| Natural Disaster | Fire, Flood, Storm, Earthquake | Insurance Excess of \$250 will apply |
| Theft from an unlocked motor vehicle | Taken from the seat of an unlocked car in a car park. | No cover. Liability for full cost of replacement (approximately iPad \$800/HP \$1,400) |

Insurance is provided by Lutheran Church of Australia Insurance Fund. Excess amount may change from time to time.

Device Specification for Middle School

Year 6-8 Minimum Specifications

| Option | Device | Specification | Cost |
|--------|----------------------------|--|--|
| 1 | iPad Air 2 | 128 Gb, Wi-Fi | \$110 per Term over 2 years (8 Terms) |
| 2 | HP Elite x2 1012 Tablet PC | Core M3 CPU 12" Screen (1920 x 1280) 4 Gb Ram 128 Gb SSD Active Pen Wi-Fi (n/ac) Full Keyboard Front and rear camera 6 Hour Battery Life | \$115 per Term over 3 years (12 Terms) |

Year 9 Minimum Specifications

Minimum PC or Mac Laptop Tablet PC or Microsoft Surface Pro 4 Specifications

| Subject | Information Technology | Graphics | Mathematics | Other Subjects |
|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| RAM | Not Suitable | 8Gb (16Gb recommended) | 8Gb | 4Gb |
| CPU | Not Suitable | Intel i5 (i7 recommended) | Intel i5 | Intel i3 |
| HDD | Not Suitable | 128 Gb SSD (256 Gb recommended) | 128 Gb | 128 Gb |
| Graphics Card | Not Suitable | Intel 5000 Graphics | Not required | Not required |

Minimum screen size of 12" is recommended across all devices.

Security software – there are a range of products available from a variety of software suppliers. Many offer multi-device packages at discounted prices. At a minimum, we require the free *Windows Defender* (Windows) or *Avira* (Windows & Mac) software programs be installed all devices. We also recommend installation of an anti-malware program such as *Malwarebytes* which is available as a free download for Windows and Mac.