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2018 iPad Leasing

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Dear 2018 Year 3 & 4 Parents,

Following feedback from students, staff and parents, and considering many factors including:

- Latest education research on 1-1 programs in primary schools;
- Recommendations regarding acceptable amounts of 'screen time' both at home and at school;
- Allowing students more scope to work collaboratively;
- The need to ensure students are properly taught how to safely download and upload information;
- The proliferation of means by which students can upload content, photos and messages;
- Cyber safety issues;
- Providing the opportunity for better ICT resources to be used throughout the entire school;
- Better balancing cost pressures on families;
- Guarding against, as much as it is possible, the potential for school based devices to be used inappropriately;
- Providing devices that have consistent and appropriate specifications to meet current and future requirement;

the school, with the support of the School Board, has decided to undertake a 2-year leasing option in relation to its ICT requirements. This will be done through a delivery model that enables ICT to be conducted in a safe, educative and cost-effective manner commencing next year for our Year 3 & 4 students.

Although previous plans were in place to continue with the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program without any changes, we are convinced that our improvements will lead to greater well-being and better learning outcomes for the students.

As a result, parents will not need to purchase a device (e.g. Chromebook, iPad or Laptop) privately for their child next year. Parents will instead be required to pay an annual \$150 iPad lease (added to the school fee statement) for their child to use a device while they're at school. This payment will allow your child to have full access to all the required apps supplied by the school, sole use of the device while they are at school, a protective cover and insurance. Lessons delivered at school will be adjusted accordingly with restrictive and security measures placed on the device by the school to protect students from high amounts of 'screen time', predation and inappropriate use.

This decision will hopefully allow St Joseph's School the flexibility to ensure we continue to offer an excellent technology program as well as financially assisting our Year 3 & 4 families.

If you have any further concerns regarding this new initiative, please don't hesitate in contacting me.

Yours faithfully,

Travis Bienkowski
Principal