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Dear Parents of Year 7 2016

As you may be aware, St Gregory’s College operates a 1:1 Laptop Program. Each student across all year groups in 2016 will have access to a school provided device to allow them to enhance learning in the classroom and at home.

Your son will receive a school-designated laptop on Monday 1st February 2016 at the Year 7 Laptop Parent Information Evening which will commence at 7.30 pm at the College. Please place this important date on your calendar.

The device is a Lenovo X250. Please be aware that the device will run a Windows Operating System.

This Program allows for consistency in the classroom and more efficiency with regard to technical support provided by the school. Parents do not need to source any device. These devices all have the same specifications and come preloaded with the software necessary for your son to begin utilising learning technologies to enhance their experience here at the College.

The students will participate in a ‘Bootcamp’ in Week 1 Term 1 next year as well, to allow them to familiarise themselves with College systems which will include the IT Helpdesk, email and other essential processes including advice about care and maintenance of the device. The Bootcamp also includes a Digital Citizenship component that teaches the students about their ethical, moral and legal obligations when navigating their digital environment both at home and school. This process will include the students entering into an agreement with the College by signing an Acceptable Use Policy document, which outlines the expectations of the College.

Families will be recharged for this device over a 3-year period through a Laptop Levy that will appear on the January fee accounts. The Laptop carries both the Manufacturer’s Warranty and Accidental Damage Protection for 3 years. Whilst the College will subsidise a portion of the overall Laptop cost to assist families, we recommend parents arrange their own insurance for the loss or theft of the device as these events are not covered under the College’s policies.

Please feel free to contact me on 0435 643 891 or Donald.Perna@stgregs.nsw.edu.au if you any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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