16 December 2016

Dear Parents of Year 7 2017

As you may be aware, St Gregory’s College operates a 1:1 Laptop Program. Each student across all year groups in 2017 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 College designated laptop on **Tuesday evening 31 January 2017**. This will be part of the Year 7 Laptop Parent Information Session which will commence at 7:30pm in the Br Luke Hall. Please place this important date in your calendar.

The Device is a HP Pro Book 430. 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 College. 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 ‘Boot Camp’ 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 Boot Camp 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 at the College. 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 February 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@stregs.nsw.edu.au if you any questions on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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