

9<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Digital Learning Device Program 2019**

The College is committed to providing the highest standard of education for our students. Digital learning is a critical component of contemporary education with a growing need to equip our students with a skill set that befits the emerging technological future. As technology integration in classrooms continues to evolve it has become an essential tool that is regularly relied upon for school work set in class and at home. As a result, it is increasingly necessary for students to be equipped with their own digital learning device.

Students commencing Year 7 at Trinity Catholic College Lismore in 2019 will be required to supply a Chromebook for learning. (See Chromebook specifications over the page)

There are many reasons for choosing the Chromebook as our preferred device for Junior students including:

- Low cost
- Educationally sound
- Robust and light casing
- Secure and easy to use
- Long battery life
- No installations required as browser-based

Across all curricula we are committed to teaching students the skills of collaboration, communication, critical thinking and creativity in learning. We work to develop student ICT capabilities as they relate to internet access and cloud computing via the use of the Google Suite for Education tools.

This means the Chromebook is more than adequate to meet the demands of our early high school learning environment. As students develop more advanced ICT capabilities and start to choose more specialised subjects in their later years of schooling, a device with higher specifications may become preferable.

Students in Year 10 in 2019 will be required to supply a laptop device with the following minimum specifications:

Specifications	Chromebook	Windows	Mac
<b>Memory</b>	At least 4GB memory	At least 8GB memory	At least 8GB memory
<b>Processor</b>	Intel Celeron N3350 or N3450, equivalent or higher	Intel Core i5 dual core 1.8GHz with turbo boost to 2.9GHz or higher or equivalent	Intel Core i5 dual core 1.8GHz with turbo boost to 2.9GHz or higher
<b>Storage</b>	32GB or higher	128GB or higher (SSD recommended)	128GB or higher (SSD recommended)
<b>Operating System</b>	Latest ChromeOS (updates automatically)	Windows 8.1 or later	MacOS Sierra 10.12 or later
<b>WiFi</b>	5GHz 802.11n or 802.11ac	5GHz 802.11n or 802.11ac	5GHz 802.11n or 802.11ac
<b>Battery Life</b>	At least 8 hours	At least 8 hours	At least 8 hours

We have been working with School Locker, a 3rd party supplier, to negotiate educational bundle prices on school-approved devices. **Bundles can include protective cases, warranty and insurance covers which in our experience are essential inclusions.**

You can access the Trinity Catholic College portal with School Locker at:

<https://theschoollocker.com.au/schools/trinity-catholic-college/technology>

More detailed information will be available at the BYOD Information night to be held in the Champagnat Theatre at 6.00pm on Monday 12 November.

Yours truly



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