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Dear Parents/Carers

LEARNING TECHNOLOGY DEVICE FOR 2022 – Year 7 - 12

The purchase of an electronic device is an essential requirement for all secondary students in 2022 and we take this opportunity to provide further information regarding a key element of our 21st century learning environment at Ursula Frayne Catholic College. The use of technology to enhance the learning process is embedded in the Western Australian Curriculum and Ursula Frayne Catholic College is committed to ensuring that students' learning, competencies and capabilities are enhanced and extended through the integration of technology across all curriculum areas.

It is compulsory for every student on the Duncan Street Campus to bring a sufficiently charged MacBook of minimum specifications or greater to every class in 2022. The designated device ensures equity, consistency and optimises the College's learning environment, which aims to ensure all our students are well prepared to become confident and capable future citizens.

New devices are most commonly purchased in Year 7 and 10 on a three-year cycle. **To ensure consistent connectivity the minimum specification for the 2022 academic year for all students is a 2019 MacBook Air 13"/1.6Ghz dual core i5/8GB RAM/128Gb.**

To enhance the learning environment student devices are assessed as to their compatibility with the network to ensure optimum connectivity, security and reliability at the start of each year. You can identify which model MacBook your child currently has at: <https://support.apple.com/enau/HT201862>. Students doing courses in Media Production, Design & Technologies and AIT Year 11 and 12, may benefit from a higher specification MacBook Pro.

The College continues to enable students via the range of industry tools they will use, such as Microsoft, Adobe, Google, Autodesk and Apple. Students from Years 7-12 will be able to install the Microsoft Office suite on up to five devices at home for their family to use with their Office 365 **credentials** and CEWA email address.

We'd like to advise parents to consider being ready to place orders in early November to help ensure delivery before the new school year due to global component shortages. Parents may choose to purchase a new MacBook from our portal partner, Winthrop Australia, or from a preferred supplier. At the time of writing, pricing on Winthrop portal for the latest MacBook Air is \$1340 including GST. Winthrop work with Apple Education to obtain the best possible education pricing. Information regarding the package offered by Winthrop is published here: <http://www.ufcc.wa.edu.au/portals/byod>

As educators, parents and community leaders we have a responsibility to ensure we provide educational opportunities to our children which build on and extend the ways in which they learn and communicate. Thank you for your ongoing support. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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