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Dear Parents/Caregivers

LEARNING TECHNOLOGY DEVICE FOR 2024: Years 7 - 12

The purchase of an electronic device is an essential requirement for all secondary students in 2024 and so 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, As educators, we are 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 Air to every class in 2024. The nominated device assures equity, consistency and optimises the learning environment to enable our students to be capable and confident global citizens.

New devices are most commonly purchased in Years 7 and 10 on a three-year cycle. Please note potential delivery time delays in the current market. The 2022 model of the MacBook Air has the specifications needed to ensure access to the latest software and operating systems, subsequently achieving maximum effectiveness. Older models are not guaranteed to perform at the optimum levels due to the progressive changes in technology, attrition of the device, battery life, etc. The College, therefore, recommends that you do not purchase a device over two years old (pre-2022) as its longevity will be significantly reduced. If you currently own a device that is 2021 or earlier, its operational effectiveness is not guaranteed.

Parents may choose to purchase a new MacBook from our portal partner, Winthrop Australia or from a preferred supplier. Information regarding the package offered by Winthrop will be updated as pricing and products are available on the BYOD Portal: <http://www.ufcc.wa.edu.au/portals/byod>.

You can identify which model MacBook your child currently has via this webpage: <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201862>. Students doing courses in Media Production, Design & Technologies and AIT Year 11 and 12, may benefit from a higher specification device. The College continually strives to develop student skillset through the range of industry tools they will utilise, as in 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 provided CEWA email address.

In partnership with you, we have a collective responsibility in providing educational opportunities for our children which build upon and augment the ways in which they learn and communicate in a safe and productive manner.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our learning and faith-sharing community. Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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