**BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program**

**Information for Grade 5 Students in 2017**

Wow! What a year full of amazing achievements by all of our BYOD students! They are well on their way to becoming highly effective digital citizens in the 21st century; learning great skills in computer programming, collaboration, eSmart behaviour, personalised learning and much more...

This notice is to inform all of our grade 4 students (who will be in grade 5 in 2017) of any program changes and steps that need to be taken to ensure a successful start to the program next year.

**Applications for 2017:**

Our core application list has changed slightly. Please help your student to get prepared for 2017 by installing and/or deleting any unwanted applications (We have attached our latest application list for your reference).

**Kids and social media:**

A reminder to all parents/carers that children under the age of 13 should not be using social media applications such as Instagram, Snapchat, Musical.ly and Facebook for any reason. This is to comply with the Children’s Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 (COPPA) and although app stores post their own age limit, the terms and conditions of the application takes precedence over them. As a school, we are obliged to report any underage users that come to our attention and we urge all parents/carers to anyone that they know is underage directly to the social media platform. Safety is our main priority here.

**Rules and guidelines at home:**

At the beginning of this year we held a registration evening, where we asked parents/carers to work with their child(ren) to develop core guidelines around the use of the iPad at home. This process was well-received and we have attached another copy for everyone to take a look at with their child(ren) and complete. We hope that it is helpful.

**Notification of when your child can bring their iPad to school in 2017:**

In the first 2 weeks of term 1, 2017, you will receive notification as to when your child will be able to bring their device to school. Teachers will be planning to use the devices straight away and your support in making sure all applications, labelling of the device and ensuring it has the appropriate protection will be greatly appreciated.

**Please Note:**

If your child does not have access to a device for whatever reason, they will have access to shared devices during class times.

Kind regards,

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