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Dear Parents/Guardians

Over the past few weeks I have been fielding inquiries relating to the College’s notebook program.

The College’s preferred option is for parents to purchase a new netbook as per previous communication. This ensures that your child has a device that is under warranty and is using current technology. At the College we understand that this is an expense to parents and to offset this cost we have removed most textbooks from the Year 7 booklist.

There have been some questions raised by several parents and I have worked with the IT team to provide some arrangements that are designed to resolve some parent requests.

1. Can we continue to use the current netbook used in Grade 6 at Primary School?
   Yes. This is possible if the netbook is re-imaged with the required DET software image. The school can organise this process for a fee of $40. These devices will no longer have any warranty or insurance. There will be no school support available for any hardware issues with the device and parents will need to organise any required repairs. This device also needs to have similar specifications. Please contact our IT department to check if your computer is compatible.

2. Can I source the same device other than through LWT?
   Yes. This is possible if the netbook is imaged with the required DET software image. The school can organise this process for a fee of $40. There will be no school support available for any hardware issues with the device and parents will need to organise any required warranty or insurance claims.

3. Can my child use any other netbook at the school?
   No. Each type of device requires its own software image to access the school network facilities which is not currently able to be supported at the College in 2016. The range of BYOD devices will be extended for 2017 when current school IT infrastructure is updated.

4. What if I choose for my child not to have a personal netbook?
   The school has a bank of functional netbooks that can be borrowed on a daily basis.

If you have any further questions please contact Kim Cross, Business Manager at the College.

Yours sincerely

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Business Manager