



Dear Year 2 and 3 Parents,

In preparation for next year the school has looked at our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) procedures and we have decided to move in line with John Paul College's changes for next year. The Catholic Education WA have also started a new system wide process called "Leading Lights" which has also influenced our decisions in relation to our BYOD choices.

From next year we will be asking that the BYOD starts in Year 3 rather than Year 4 which has been the previous procedure. This will get us in line for the NAPLAN on line testing that will be introduced into all schools over the next two years. By not locking into one device we feel it is a much more user friendly process that allows families flexibility with cost as well as device.

We have provided a 'Suitable Device Guide' which is attached to this letter which will outline the minimum acceptable capabilities of the device you choose for your child. Also attached is a Power Point show which the local Harvey Norman store has provided for parents, if you wish to use their services.

One of the major outcomes in using the devices in schools is to teach the children how to be critical and safe users of technology in this digital age. We will also run parent workshops in early 2017 for those that would like guidance in student use at home.

Regards

Chris Dunning
Principal



St Mary's Primary School

Suitable Device Guidelines for 2017

Devices that exceed specifications will be acceptable.

Brand	2017 Year 3 and 4	2017 Year 5 and 6
	Any Brand	Any Brand
Hardware Type	Laptop or Tablet or iPad Air	Laptop or Tablet or iPad (Air preferred)
Operating System	Mac: MacOS 10.10 Windows: 10 iPad: iOS9.3.5	Mac: MacOS 10.10 Windows: 10 iPad: iOS9.3.5
Storage Capacity	MacOS/Windows: 128GB iPad: 32gb	MacOS/Windows: 128GB iPad: 16gb
Screen Size	Minimum: 25cm (9.7 inches)	Minimum: 25cm (9.7 inches)
Battery Life	Operational for a full school day without the need to recharge – minimum of 6 hours.	Operational for a full school day without the need to recharge – minimum of 6 hours.
Network Connectivity	Wireless as standard Mac/Windows: 5GHz capability	Wireless as standard Mac/Windows: 5GHz capability
Remote Display	Mac/iPad – Airplay Windows – Software TBA	Mac/iPad – Airplay Windows – Software TBA
Keyboard	On-screen or physical keyboard	On-screen or physical keyboard
Weight	less than 2.5 kg	less than 2.5 kg
Software/Apps	As per St Mary's year level requirements. Parents will not be asked to purchase more than \$50 worth of apps in one school year. Students of St Mary's primary School receive a free copy of Microsoft Office.	As per St Mary's year level requirements. Parents will not be asked to purchase more than \$50 worth of apps in one school year. Students of St Mary's primary School receive a free copy of Microsoft Office.
Other Requirements	Cover for iPad or tablet/ Protective Bag/Cover for laptop Earphones	Cover for iPad or tablet/ Protective Bag/Cover for laptop Earphones

Children in Years 5 and 6 in 2017 are able to bring the device used in 2016.

Accidents happen, please consider purchase of accidental damage/warranty extension packages.