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Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the 2016 school year we would like to provide parents of students moving into the BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) program a brief overview of the type of iPad students will require and the basic apps. If you have any further questions regarding the iPad’s please do not hesitate the school and we will happily discuss any questions you might have. We would encourage parents to have their child’s iPad ready to go first day of Term 1, 2017, so the ICT team can begin to set them up with our school network.

When purchasing the iPad, the Apple Store Castle Towers, are able to provide a 10% discount when purchasing Apple products for Parramatta Catholic Education students.

iPad Requirements for 2017

- iPad or iPad mini
- minimum 16GB (if you already have an iPad there must be at least 12GB of space to upload school-based apps. This may involve the deleting of photos/movies/games etc)
- It is recommended that you also get AppleCare+
- Tough and sturdy protective case and screen protector (example is “Lifeproof Cases”)
- Ensure parental locks are turned off to assist us in connecting the iPad to the school network.

Free Apps students will need
Students are encouraged to download any apps they will need in the Learning Studio that are free in order to help keep apps up to date.

- Google Apps (G Mail, GDrive, Google Docs, Google Slides, Google Classroom), SimpleMind+ (Lite), Make Dice Lite, Piktochart, MyScript Calculator, Dictionary

7 Tips for students with iPads

1. Students should not be using any technology for more than 30mins at a time (if needed take a 5 minute break between uses)
2. Children should only be using technology in areas where they can be closely supervised
3. Ensure iPads are charged each night before school and in an common area (kitchen, living room)
4. Bedrooms should be technology free zones and try to avoid using technology 30mins before bed
5. Using iPads for communication with friends and family should be avoided unless supervised
6. If possible avoid having iPads shared with children and adults, and try to avoid giving children access to adults social media accounts
7. Take time to allow your child to show you how they use their iPads during school

Thank you for supporting this important learning initiative at MTP.

Gary Borg,
Principal