ICT Implementation for 2013

Dear Parents

After a successful first year using personal devices in classrooms we are now able to advise you of the implementation process for 2013. All primary students are required to have an iPad and Years 7 to 10 students are required to have a MacBook computer for use at school.

At Cornish College we provide anytime, anywhere access to Information and Communications Technology to support collaborative, inquiry based, student centred learning in a safe and secure manner.

For those students requiring new devices our preferred provider is Designwyse. Devices can be obtained elsewhere if desired. The benefits of ordering through Designwyse include the competitive school price, support and accessories (see order form for details). iPad and MacBook options are provided on the attached form. The form can be returned to Designwyse or an order made through their website. Families are able to organise collection prior to Christmas by contacting Designwyse or they will be distributed to students in the first two weeks of Term 1 2013.

Students will not require their devices at school on the first day of term next year. Teachers will advise when devices are required. Students will begin the year developing skills to organise and manage their device. They will also attend sessions focused on building skills and understanding around cyber safety and cyber citizenship.

Parent information sessions will also be held early in Term 1 to ensure that all are adequately informed about appropriate usage and management of the devices. Students and parents will need to have returned and signed the ICT user agreements prior to using the devices at school.

Please ensure that devices come to school free of unnecessary photos and documents from the previous year. Be aware that school imaging may take place and this may delete personal programs on your device. We highly recommend the device be backed up at regular intervals. iPads can be backed up to a computer at home using tools such as iTunes. MacBooks can be backed up by disc, online cloud software or a portable hard drive. iPad app lists for 2013 will be supplied in the first two weeks of Term 1. We recommend home applications and games are kept to a minimum as we establish appropriate usage and organisation of each device.

Generation Safe Solutions has been engaged by the school to provide tools and resources to enable Cornish College to review, evaluate and further develop digital citizenship and safety policies, practices and programs within the school.

Enclosed with your information pack is a copy of Growing Up Digital: Parent Guide for the Summer. This will provide you with some useful tips for establishing ICT guidelines at home.

If you have any queries please contact the office on telephone 9773 1011.

Yours sincerely

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