Dear Parents

As you would understand, in commencing a new college, there are a significant number of policies and programs that need to be developed. One of the key developments is in the area of Information and Communications Technology (ICT), and we write today to update you on some exciting and significant decisions made in this area.

As a new school, Cornish College aims to build on existing strengths in the educational environment by fostering the inquiry based learning model. Technology will play an ever increasing part in this learning process, and it is on this basis that Cornish College has adopted the following ICT strategy:

*To provide anytime, anywhere access to ICT to support collaborative, inquiry based, student centred learning in a safe and secure manner. It includes a long term flexible ICT approach that grows and changes as our learning needs change.*

Much work from our ICT Project team, a highly experienced group of ICT and Educational specialists, has been done over the past few months identifying the key requirements to ensure this vision is met. This has involved reviewing current systems, hardware and infrastructure, and in a fast evolving technological environment, identifying what our students will need to meet the challenges they face in the future.

As an outcome of this review, significant investment in infrastructure will be occurring between now and the commencement of the 2012 school year in areas such as wireless network capability, school management systems, internet security etc. It is our plan that all buildings of Cornish College will have full wireless connectivity.

To best utilise these infrastructure improvements, workshops have been conducted with teaching staff to develop appropriate enhanced learning programs. ICT supports teaching and learning and enables students to investigate, create, communicate, collaborate, organize and be responsible for their own learning and actions. ICT facilitates students making connections and reaching a deeper understanding of its relevance and applicability to their everyday lives. Through the use of ICT, learners develop and apply strategies for critical and creative thinking, engage in inquiry, make connections, and apply new understandings and skills in different contexts. A key part in delivering the best possible outcomes requires a focus on one-to one programs (that is where each student has their own computer or device).

One-to-one programs are now an acknowledged and proven enhancement toward empowering individualised learning, which can increase independence and self-initiated learning in students and extend their learning beyond the classroom. To achieve our vision the ICT plan incorporates one-to-one provision of devices for students.

The plan:

- all secondary students to own their own Mac notebook computer
- all primary students (Prep to Year 6) to own their own iPad 2 tablet
- our computer laboratory to be fully equipped with the latest iMac computers
- each primary classroom to have the latest iMac desktop computers
- staff to have access to a range of desktop and notebook computers, as well as iPad 2’s, interactive whiteboards, and other devices

This plan will require parents of all children in Prep through to Secondary to purchase the approved individual device for each student.
The College has been able to source preferential pricing and service guarantees through Designwyse, a local Apple Education Reseller. This arrangement has been negotiated on the understanding that all devices will be provided by Designwyse who will organise the download of all required software and will provide an ongoing maintenance service to the College.

As parents have previously been informed about the introduction of a parent supplied notebook program for year 9 and the possible introduction of the program for year 7 and 8, we hope that you will have made some provisions for this expense. However, we appreciate that parents of students in the primary part of the school have not had prior notice of this expense, and therefore the College is implementing a range of funding options (described in the attached sheet) to assist families who may find this policy decision introduces an unexpected financial challenge at this time.

It is our strongest desire to have the whole College move forward on this exciting educational journey together. If further assistance is required, beyond the proposed funding options, regardless of your student/s year level or number of children attending the College, we strongly encourage you to contact Kerry Bolger to privately discuss alternative arrangements.

**ICT Information Session**

We recognize that the details of our ICT program as outlined in this letter have altered from our earlier guidance. To provide further details and information on the development of our ICT program, as well as an exciting demonstration of how we intend for the technology to be used in our classrooms from 2012, we will be holding an ICT Information Session on Monday 14 as part of a 2012 Cornish College Information Evening. A session covering the secondary section of the school will commence at 7.15pm in the Gym, followed by the session for the primary section commencing at 8.15pm in the Gym. These information sessions will also address purchase procedures and options for the devices; using and managing the devices at school and at home; software, support and training. If you have specific questions you would like addressed at the ICT Information session, or prior, please send an email to admin@cornishcollege.org.

Clearly we see this policy as providing a significant development of our inquiry based approach to teaching and learning and look forward to providing additional training for you on how these devices can be used to enhance learning both at home and at school. We believe that this decision will further our reputation for innovative and engaging education and look forward to sharing this exciting journey with you and your family.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Bolger  
Principal Elect

Trevor Gurr  
Co-Chairman, Interim Council

*For more information on the 1 to 1 benefits of the devices can be found at the following sites:

- The DEEDC Victorian Education Department iPad trials  

- The Queensland Government Smart Classrooms website  
Device Information - Secondary student

Device: MacBook Air 11"

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Designwyse price to Cornish College Parents $1,297.00

NB: Parents need to make payment directly to Designwyse

Software:

Cornish College provide software.

Note:

1. The College has elected to acquire the software on behalf of the parents as the College has access to bulk purchase educational price discounts. Through the College buying the software on behalf of the whole school everyone benefits from our buying power. As such, students will be provided with a common set of software (known as a software image).

   $180.00

   once off - billed on Term 1, 2012 Fee Statement

2. Some additional specialist subject software by subject may be required from time to time (most likely in the later secondary years), this may be at the parents expense.

Device Information - Primary student

Device: iPad 2

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Designwyse price to Cornish College Parents $670.00

NB: Parent to make payment directly to Designwyse

Software

- Teachers will prepare a “class list” of applications which will need to be downloaded from Apple iTunes. This class list will be supplied at a later date.

 Approx $60.00 per year
Parent makes payment directly to Apple iTunes

If you already own an iPad 2

- Designwyse iPad 2 Setup and Support

   $66.00 including GST
Parent make payment directly to Designwyse
**Order, Payment and Funding Options**

**Orders:**
- Order placed with Designwyse at the ICT information session for delivery prior to Christmas.
- Order to Designwyse by 9 December 2011 for delivery on 20 January 2012

**Payment:**
- In full prior to pick up for payment by credit card or EFT. Payment at pickup only cash or cheque
- Layby – discuss at time of ordering

**Funding Options:**

**Rent-to-buy program**
- Target audience: 2nd child enrolled in College.
- The College will organise the purchase an iPad for $670 on behalf of the family. The College will rent the iPad to the family for 2012, charged at $55 per term via term Fee Statements, with payment of the balance of $450 to be billed on the Term 1, 2013 Fee Statement. The iPad will be deemed the property, and therefore the responsibility, of the family, from the beginning of the rental period. Order to Designwyse by 9 December 2011 for delivery on 20 January 2012
- Note: This rent-to-buy program can also be extended to include 1st child in Primary and a similar rent to buy program for to Mac notebooks for secondary students. Please make application to Kerry Bolger.

**Loan Devices:**
- The College will provide a loan iPad for the 3rd and subsequent child where a family has 3 children or more children enrolled in the College.

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