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Dear Parent / Carer

Dual ICT equipment platforms, with both Laptops and iPads in use, replicates how many workplaces function in today's society and also builds on feedback from tertiary students in relation to study, notetaking, preparation and presentation of student work. The school aims for a 1-1, student to laptop ratio. As part of this, all Year 5 to 12 students are required to supply their own laptop for use at school. This is referred to as the BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device). The Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum delivery is also enhanced through student use of these devices.

In 2019, Boort District P-12 School will be using the following structure to ensure ICT provision for students in Years F-12:

Foundation - Year 2 – Years 1, 2 and Foundation students will be required to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying an Apple iPad.

Year 3 & 4 – Years 3 and 4 students will have access to class banks of iPads and Laptops. In order to provide, maintain and update these devices, a \$45 fee is included in the yearly fee structure.

Year 5 & 6 – Years 5 and 6 students will be required to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying a Laptop. Students will also have class access to a bank of iPads.

Year 7 – Year 7 students will be required to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying both an Apple iPad or iPad mini and a Laptop.

Year 8-12 – Students will continue with the BYOD program.

Updating devices – students will be encouraged to update devices on a regular basis eg. when the warranty expires or 3/4 years of use.

Please note the information on the school website under BYOD regarding purchasing options and recommended minimum specifications. A flow chart of requirements at each level is also included. You have the option to select a Laptop package, based on cost and performance, and the information on the purchase of the iPads. There is also a finance option available through the “Shop Interest Free” link and ZipMoney finance company.

Microsoft Office is used throughout the school and all students are eligible to receive a free copy of Microsoft Office 365, as they will have an education based email account. We will advertise a time for early in the 2019 school year to help students load this onto their computers.

We remind parents / carers / students of the school's Acceptable Use Policy, which needs to be completed and returned to the school in order to enable students to access the network and WiFi. The school's Bullying and Harassment Policy, on the school website, also covers our response to Cyberbullying.

We understand that there may be situations that arise where provision of these devices is difficult. Please contact Merryn Rees to discuss further if required.

Yours sincerely

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal