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Dear Parents & Carers

I am conscious of the financial impact that the cost of a BYODD (Bring Your Own Designated Device) Macbook devices may have on some families. What I do suggest is to plan ahead and factor in any future MacBook purchases. As these devices are used extensively during a school year it is important that a new MacBook purchase is at least considered every three to four years.

As you may be aware in previous years the cost to each family was spread over the 3 year life of the device and was charged on the school fees account as a 'Lap Top Hire'. This lap top hire charge is still occurring for year 8,9,11 & 12 in 2017. As you may understand we are in a transition period and in a couple of years all students will be in a BYODD environment.

This year there are families in Years 7 and 10 that have opted to use older machines which are out of warranty. It was understood at the time of these purchases that this was the case and any repairs of the machine will not guarantee any longevity in the effective operation of the machine. My concern is the relatively high cost of the repairs for Mac devices and even when a family has the service done that there is no guarantee on long term use of the device.

Further to planning ahead for the machine I suggest to families that are interested in finance options to look at some of the financial offerings in the market place. Also Sydney Catholic Schools has developed a Parent Portal to assist with families making an informed decision about purchase of a designated device. The Parent Portal can be accessed using the web browser at the following URL: <http://byo.syd.catholic.edu.au> .

Please contact me if you have any queries on this matter on 9797 3200 or [tony.monardo@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:tony.monardo@syd.catholic.edu.au)

Yours Sincerely

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