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Dear Parents/Guardians

Lilydale High School is committed to providing a rich learning experience for our students. It is our firm belief that for students to become 21st Century Learners, it is now essential for them to have access to their own Web Enabled Learning Device (WELD) in every class, every day.

In 2016, Lilydale High School will continue with its whole school Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. The school has supported students to BYOD for a number of years and will continue to do so into the future.

Many students in Years 7-12 currently have their own WELD, as a result of participation in the schools iPad program or through owning their own notebook computers. These students are encouraged to continue using their device, if they are still suitable, as they move through their schooling at Lilydale High School.

As VCE teachers continue to work towards improving student results by maximising learning time, providing regular feedback, streamlining communication and incorporating the use of ICT into learning tasks; there will be an expectation in 2016 VCE classes that students attend all classes with their WELD.

As part of the schools commitment to this expectation we are offering to support parents in the purchase of one device. This offer is aimed at students in Years 10 - 12 in 2016 who do not currently have a WELD. To access the offer, please go to the link on the Lilydale High School website. Students in Years 7-9 are encouraged to continue using their iPads.

If you have questions, please contact the IT Kiosk at the School.

Notes:

- Please contact the school Business Manager on 9735-5644 if you are experiencing financial difficulties.
- While students are able to bring any WELD to school, we are unable to support Android tablets at this time.
- Smartphones are not considered appropriate for use as WELDs.

Yours faithfully

WENDY POWSON
Principal