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Dear Parents/Guardians,

YEAR 7 STUDENT APPLE IPAD PROGRAM

Lilydale High School is committed to providing our students with the best access to learning technologies and online learning. Our iPad program has been running for four years now and will continue for all students enrolling in Year 7 in 2016. The program aims to improve student engagement in regular classes and provide enhanced teaching and learning practices for both students and teachers.

The Apple iPad is the only approved device for use in the Year 7 & 8 program. Many activities are based around applications specifically designed for use on the iPad. Other devices, such as laptops or android tablets are not suitable for classroom use by Year 7 and 8 students.

Parents who wish to join the program have two options:

Self Purchase

- Parents may elect to purchase an Apple iPad through their preferred retailer.
- We strongly advise all parents to purchase the extended two year warranty and ensure their devices are fully insured.

LHS iPad Bundle

- iPads can be purchased directly through a link which is accessed on the Lilydale High School website: [www.lilydalehs.vic.edu.au](http://www.lilydalehs.vic.edu.au)

Students who do not join the program will be able to borrow from a bank of computers available for short-term loan from the resource centre.

Apps

Participation in the LHS iPad program requires students to purchase and install a list of ‘Required Apps’. These Apps are listed on the School’s website.

iPad Mini

Lilydale High School strongly recommends the use of a full sized iPad. The LHS offer will consist of a full sized iPad (32GB Wi-Fi iPad Air OR 64GB iPad Air 2). We understand that some families may have purchased iPad minis as part of their primary school’s iPad program. Students will be able to use these devices as part of the LHS iPad program.

Further information about the 2016 iPad program is available at the Lilydale High School website or by contacting Jennifer McLean on 9735-5644.

Yours faithfully,

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Principal