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BYOD ONE-TO-ONE LAPTOP PROGRAM 2024 (For Students Year 5/6 in 2024)

30th November 2023

Dear Parents,

Our school prides itself on preparing our students for the digital age and in doing so, all students in Year 5 and Year 6 will participate in a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) One-to-One Laptop Program in 2024.

The program is a continuation of the BYOD program students in Year 5 currently participate in. The BYOD acronym used by the department refers to the teaching and learning environment in Queensland State Schools where personally-owned mobile devices are used to access the department's information and communication (ICT) network. It is important to note that at Fitzgerald State School, digital devices specify laptops only to assist with consistency in application to teaching and learning in a primary setting.

EXPECTATIONS:

The following details are included within this letter to provide basic information at this stage, regarding the program. The laptop will need to meet the Fitzgerald State School required system specifications before it can be accepted into the program (specifications attached). Providing a laptop that is more than 3 years old will disadvantage your child's education as it will not perform sufficiently with the school's network. The BYOD laptop can be further utilised once the student enters high school. Laptops used currently by Year 5 students will be suitable for Year 6.

Students with a BYOD laptop are responsible for all technical issues and the care and management of the laptop. Laptops are to arrive fully charged ready to use each day. Families need to provide an appropriate laptop bag which is designed for laptop transport. Families are responsible for the insurance of the laptop.

If you have significant concerns with the program due to financial hardship, please contact Mrs Tracey Adams, Principal to discuss how the school may be able to support you to engage with this program. All supporting information can be located on the school website. A BYO fact sheet and set up guide will be provided later in the year while more specific information for student use will be discussed at the start of the new year. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact the school on 49 656333.

Sincerely,

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SPECIFICATION	DETAIL
Processor	Intel 8th (or greater) Generation i3 (Quad Core) or i5 8th Generation (or greater – Quad Core)
RAM	8GB or higher
Screen Size	13" and up
Storage	256GB SSD
Operating System	Windows 10 & 11 Home or Professional Edition (Not S Mode)
Wireless	802.11ac adaptor - capable of connecting to a 5GHz network
Ports	At least one USB port, audio in/out to connect wired headphone
Battery Life	Minimum 6 hours of continual use
Anti-virus	Required
Damage Protection	A protective case and accidental damage protection are recommended
Not Supported	**Android, MacOS & iOS**

Please note that some specialist technology subjects in high school require higher specifications. Please contact the high school if considering this during the life of the laptop.

Enrolling your student's BYOD Laptop to Fitzgerald State School

Enrolling to Fitzgerald State School's network will **NOT** be able to begin until school returns in 2024. This is due to students requiring new passwords at the beginning of each year.

In the first week of Term 1 Years 5 & 6 students will be provided with their EQ Username, Password, a complete step by step guide on how to enrolling their BYOD laptop and the Fitzgerald State School BYOD Charter for 2024.

Fitzgerald State School uses Microsoft Intune software which is a secure mobile management system that allows personal devices to use school Wi-Fi, emails, learning applications and websites.

There is no cost for your student to use Microsoft Intune and Microsoft Office 365. Any additional software required for classroom activities and assessments will be provided and managed by Fitzgerald State School. It is recommended to purchase a suitable Anti-Virus software.

Parental controls can be used in conjunction with Microsoft Intune. Windows has Microsoft Family to manage screen time, block and manage apps and features on your student's device.

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What can school administration staff see or not see on my student's device?

What the school administration (Intune) can see on the device	What the school administration (Intune) cannot see on the device
Your school can only see information that is relevant to the school: • Device owner • Device name • Device model • Device manufacturer • Operating system and version eg: iOS 13 or Windows 10 • App inventory and App names, like Microsoft Office 365 • On student and staff's personal devices the school can only see school managed Apps • Device serial number and IMEI	Your school does not monitor student's use of the device • Cannot see your child's personal information • Cannot see what your child is doing on their device • Does not track student's locations / device location • Does not provide information on personally installed applications • Does not allow uninstalling of any applications including your child's own applications • Home Network cannot be seen • Calling and web browsing history • Email and text messages • Contacts • Calendars • Passwords • Pictures, including what's in the photos app or camera roll • Files

Fitzgerald State School's IT Officer can assist if you experience problems when enrolling your student's BYOD laptop or any further questions. To get in touch with the IT Officer call the school's number 49656 333.