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Black Rock Primary School

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2018 1:1 iPad Program

Dear Parents,

Black Rock Primary School will continue to offer a “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD) 1:1 iPad program for Year 5 & 6 students in 2018. Over the past four years we have effectively refined our ability to successfully utilise personal devices to enhance student learning in a safely connected environment.

With learning areas such as Digital Technologies, Digital Coding, Media Arts, STEM (Science, Technology and Maths) and Critical and Creative Thinking now holding a prominent place in the Victorian Curriculum, we believe that student learning is improved with the inclusion of a variety of interactive and mobile technologies. As such, access to iPads on a 1:1 basis allows students to adapt to 21st century learning approaches, as well as enhance engagement and better allow for personalised learning approaches, including in the core learning areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Science.

Whether entering the program as a Year 5 student or continuing as a Year 6, attached to this notice is a FAQs booklet that outlines all aspects of the 2018 1:1 iPad program. In order to be ready for the start of the 2018 school year, please take the time to read it thoroughly as it describes:

- The benefits to learning of a 1:1 program
- How the iPad will be used in class, including security and care
- Minimum technical specifications for participating devices
- Purchasing & insurance options
- Recommended accessories
- Getting set up for the 2018 school year

To support families and students to get the most out of the device we will be holding a number of parent information sessions at the beginning of the 2018 school year. Information sessions will guide parents through key content areas such as:

- Understanding the iPad - functions, parental controls and security
- iPads at school – how iPads support learning at school, including Digital Citizenship
- Managing the iPad at home - suitable home routines regarding the use of personal devices
- Cybersafety/online safety – advice and resources to help keep your child safe online

If you have further questions, please contact Mr Adam Littlehales, Learning Technologies Coordinator, or check the information page on our website for more information -

<http://www.blackrockps.vic.edu.au/ipads.php>

Sam Tyndall

Principal