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Dear Parents

At the start of the year I shared with you that our Technology requirements and resourcing will be in transition throughout the year as we move to a Bring Your Own Device program for all year groups. Currently your child, as part of the Year 12, 2018 cohort, either brings their own laptop to school or utilises school laptops stored in cages or trolleys strategically placed in certain classrooms.

The next stage of our transition will see these cages and trolleys phased out, as they no longer support the portable and dedicated educational needs of our students. Especially as they move into their final HSC year.

At the start of Term 4, 9th October 2017, your child will be required to bring their own laptop device to use on our network with them each day, and it must be charged and ready for learning.

Families are free to purchase their own laptop from any store and below are our recommended specifications:

- MacBook Air or MacBook Pro, 13" screen, 128Gb HDD
Apple in partnership with the Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta offer a range of discounted devices available for our families to purchase. More information can be found by visiting the Penrith Apple store.
- Windows Surface, 2.3Ghz Processor, 13" screen, 128Gb HDD
- HP Chromebook 11.6" screen. 32Gb HDD with additional Google Drive storage

Parents also have the option of leasing an Apple MacBook Pro laptop for their child's final year of study at McCarthy through the College. Detailed below are the technical specifications, leasing amount and time frame for the offered of an Apple MacBook Pro:

- Apple MacBook Pro 13" screen, 128Gb HDD with charger and a neoprene protective sleeve.
- Lease Amount: \$200 (\$50 per term x 4) starting Term 4, 2017 and concluding at the end of Term 3, 2018.
- Bond: A refundable bond of \$200 to secure lease. This along with the Lease Amount is to be paid at the College Office.

If you are wishing to lease an Apple MacBook Pro please contact the College to request a Laptop Lease Agreement and Refund Request Form. Both these forms need to be submitted, along with the Lease Amount and Bond by 28th August 2017.

Included with this letter is our Laptop Agreement Form for our senior students. This agreement outlines McCarthy Catholic College's Acceptable Use Guidelines and our expectations. This agreement will need to be completed by all students by Wednesday 16th August 2017 and returned to your child's homeroom teacher.

If you require further information please contact the school on 4735 3211 or via the school's email address McCarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au.

