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To parents/carers of students enrolled in the Techexpress or eLearn classes

(This letter can be found on the college website and in the newsletter in an electronic version so that you can just click on the links.)

BYOD

Four years ago we started our eLearn program and students were given permission to bring in their own laptop and connect it to the school network under our BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device).

Again this year we have made agreements with some of the major laptop producers, who have come up with very favourable prices and services in collaboration with the college. We would like to describe them briefly.

Acer

Acer has set up a BYOD portal in collaboration with Bentley Park College and Brilliant Technologies with the following web address: <http://byod.acer.com.au/school/bpc/index.php/>

When you select "BYOD store" on the website, you get access to a few of Ultrabooks and Notebooks that have been discounted for parents and students of our college.

All devices on the website come with onsite warranty, which means that if the laptop malfunctions the student can bring the laptop to the school technicians who will try to rectify the problem or call technicians from Brilliant Technologies who will come out and do the repair at the school. If the laptop cannot be fixed straight away, the school will provide a loan laptop until the student's device has been repaired.

We strongly recommend to purchase Accidental Damage Protection with the laptop or arrange it with you private home & content insurance (just beware of any excess).

Dell

Dell has also set up a BYOD portal in collaboration with Bentley Park College (Click on the following link): <https://myschoolshop-qld.datacom.com.au/bentleyparkcollege>

USERID: bentleyparkcollege

PIN: b{jS8rr9

(Please search for the model on <http://dell.com.au> and compare the prices).

The laptop model on the website comes with onsite warranty, which means that if the laptop malfunctions the student can bring the laptop to the school technicians who will try to rectify the problem or call local technicians who will come out and do the repair at the school. If the laptop cannot be fixed straight away, the school will provide a loan laptop until the student's device has been repaired.

If Accidental Damage Protection we strongly recommend that, else we recommend to arrange it with you private home & content insurance (just beware of the excess).

Local vendor

If you choose to purchase a laptop from a local vendor please note that the following would be minimum requirements: Windows operating system, 64GB storage space, 2GB RAM (4GB recommended). Laptops like these can sometimes be seen on special for as cheap as \$350 - \$400. Just be aware that models like these usually are not intended to go in and out of a school bag every day.

We strongly recommend to purchase Accidental Damage Protection and extended warranty with the laptop or arrange it with your private home & content insurance (just beware of any excess).

Potential hire option

The college may offer a hire solution through which it will be possible to hire a laptop with Microsoft Office installed for an annual fee of \$150 over a period of three years. (The cost covers the laptop and servicing, after three years the student would then own the laptop) If you are interested in this option please email pkapp1@eq.edu.au.

Microsoft Office 365

Microsoft has generously offered all students to install Office 365 on up to 5 computers for each students, which means that the students do not need to purchase MS Office for their laptop. Please follow this link to find out how to get MS Office 365 for free:

<https://bentleyparkcollege.eq.edu.au/Supportandresources/Formsanddocuments/Documents/Student/Office365-StudentAdvantage.pdf>

Symantec Norton Antivirus

A requirement for the BYOD program is that the students have their devices protected by antivirus software. Symantec is offering our students Symantec Norton Antivirus for \$9.99 per year. This is accessed through your child's EQ LearningPlace account. Please contact the IT department if you would like to go ahead with this offer.

Extra charger, bag, mouse etc.

For students who wish to purchase an extra charger, battery etc. please contact the IT department as we possibly can assist you in getting these at discounted prices.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please feel free to contact Paw Kappel, Head of Department IT P-12, on phone: 4040 8145 or email: pkapp1@eq.edu.au

Yours sincerely



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