Dear Parents/Guardians,

As new technologies continue to change the world in which we live, they also provide many new and positive educational benefits for classroom instruction. Anytime, anywhere access to technology helps your daughter develop greater independence, increase her engagement with school work, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century. The digital devices currently used by the students are owned and managed by the school. Current research shows that best outcomes for students are achieved when students use their own device because they are more familiar with its use and take personal ownership of the device. With this in mind, St. Mary’s College will be implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program commencing in 2016.

Students entering Year 10 in 2016 will have the option to either bring their own approved laptop to school, or continue with the current College digital device program until its completion at the end of 2016. Those students who choose to use a College owned device will be charged the technology levy in 2016. It is expected that by 2017 all senior school students will be providing their own approved laptop.

To allow us to plan for 2016 we need a commitment from parents to either to continue with the College owned device or to join the BYOD program. Please submit your preference via the link below:

2016 Year 10 BYOD Submission Form
http://1drv.ms/1IcDHKh

Submissions must be completed by Friday, 16th October 2015.

We would also like to encourage your questions, and have created an easy form for you to use in order to ask something specific. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1agUpYcHxVafRWvyqWnY9c_B1Y-Ft1pdHGF1TkgZdMo9E/viewform

There will be an information session for those interested in attending on Tuesday 27th October 2015 from 6.00pm in the Mary Morgan Wing. Please advise Tammy Carlton (tcarlton@smc.tas.edu.au) of your attendance by Tuesday 20th October 2015.

Yours sincerely

Mr Tom Dorey
Principal