2nd October 2015

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. With this in mind, St. Mary’s College will be implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program commencing in 2016.

Students entering Year 7 in 2016 will be required to provide their own approved laptop to engage in learning in new ways. Anytime, anywhere access to technology will help your daughter develop greater independence, increase her engagement with school work, and develop skills required to thrive in the 21st Century.

**Educational Activities**
Student devices will be used to access resources, complete assignments, and for personal organisation. Educational activities may include researching information, producing documents, analysing data, producing videos, creating blogs, collaborative tasks, taking notes, or scheduling events. The use of the device will vary between subjects at the discretion of the teacher.

**Digital Citizenship**
A focus of this initiative is digital citizenship - the responsible use of technology. Your daughter will learn digital skills, ethics, etiquette, and online safety, all important aspects of participating in today’s world.

**Safe and Secure**
To maintain a safe and secure learning environment, a filtered Internet connection will be provided for students whilst on the College grounds. Any unauthorised use may result in privileges being revoked while an investigation is carried out.

**Responsibility**
Students are solely responsible for care and maintenance of their device. It must be brought to school each day fully charged. As with other personally owned items, St Mary’s College is not liable for loss, damage, misuse, or theft.

**Technical Support**
Resources will be provided to help students connect their device to the College network, however, your daughter is responsible for learning how to use her device as technical support will not be provided.

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/1agUpYcHxVafRWvqWnY9c_B1Y-FIrdHGFITxgZdMo9E/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

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