



RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE

YEAR 7 STUDENT APPLE iPad PROGRAM 2017

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Dear Parent(s) /Guardian(s),

Please find enclosed details of RSC 2017 iPad Program for Year 7 students.

Ringwood Secondary College (RSC) is committed to providing our students improved access to learning technologies and online learning. Our successful Mac Notebook Program for Year 9 has been ongoing for the past eleven years and our more recent iPad Program will continue for all students enrolling in Year 7 for the start of the 2017 school year.

This is an opportunity for all students to have improved access to learning technologies and online learning. The Program aims to improve student engagement in regular classes and provide enhanced teaching and learning practices for both students and teachers. These programs have been successfully implemented in Australia and overseas and the most dramatic improvements have taken place in environments where students have had their own mobile learning device.

The RSC Program provides each student 24/7 to their own 32GB or 128gb WiFi iPad Air 2 upon payment of the charges as per the payment schedules. Parents may also elect to purchase an approved device from their local retailer and upon payment of the nominal configuration fee the RSC apps for learning from the volume purchasing program will be installed to the device as well as connection to the school's network.

The College has made access to this program accessible to all families by developing our own eBooks, school bulk licensing for software and the wide spread use of creative and collaborative applications in each area of study. In the past five years, we have reduced the cost of new book purchases at Years 7 & 8 by over \$600.00 by using this approach. It has also resulted in increased levels of personalized learning for students.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Phillips

Principal

Attachments –

2017 Yr7 iPad School Purchase – Purchase of iPad through RSC

2017 Yr7 iPad BYO Device – Bringing Your Own iPad

2017 Yr7 iPad Workshop Sessions Sheet – Setup & Information Workshop