



# St Mark's

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Dear Parents and Carers

## RE: School-owned devices in Middle School

Since the start of 2023, we have been moving from a *Bring Your Own Device* (BYOD) learning technology model to a *School-owned Device* leasing model in which parents loan a device from the school for their child's Middle Schooling experience across Years 6 to 8. This will continue for students commencing Year 7 and Year 8 in 2026. This is not optional. The device is a 360 HP laptop with a touchscreen, stylus and protective bag. This device will be in its second year of use (Year 7) and third year of use (Year 8).

Loaning a school-owned device from the school has a number of benefits, including:

- **Transition.** School-owned and set-up devices can be easily distributed to students at the beginning of the year. Technologies are an important part of teaching and learning at St Mark's, and the Year 6-8 Learn curriculum is partly dedicated to teaching students how to make the most out of their devices. Students are able to begin learning and getting to know their devices immediately, rather than waiting for their devices to be set up in the first week/s of school during valuable lesson time.
- **Equity.** No student will have an advantage or disadvantage based on a superior or inferior device to another student, so all students will be working from a level playing field. Teachers, education assistants and IT staff will be able to give consistent support, as all devices will be familiar. All student devices will be the identical age, model and specifications, regardless of a student's commencement date in Middle School, as the devices are linked to a particular cohort.
- **Digital Safety.** Student devices managed by the School help to support their safe and savvy use within the school environment.
- **Learning.** The device that is selected for Middle School students is based on 2-in-1 functionality, dual cameras, stylus, battery life, durability, processing speed, memory, and a number of other factors that best facilitate learning which is efficient, flexible, personalised and reliable. Every student having the same device, set up and maintained in the same way and with the same software, means that students come to class ready to learn, and teachers can give clear, consistent instructions and support in how to best use technologies for learning.



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Benefits for parents include:

- **Ease of decision, purchase, and set up.** The work of deciding and actioning which device to purchase, where to get it, and how to set it up, is absorbed by the School.
- **Bundled and staggered costs.** The cost to parents is charged in annual instalments (2 instalments for new Year 7 students, and 1 instalment for new Year 8 students), which include the remaining cost of the device, stylus, charger, case, operating system, learning software, online resources, virus protection, onsite support and Accidental Damage Protection (ADP) insurance. The charges are included in the annual overall levy for each year group. Set up and maintenance of devices is managed by the School.
- **IT care service.** Student devices are set up by School IT staff before students arrive for the beginning of the year. This includes the operating system and learning software. Additionally, updates, reimaging and timely repairs are managed entirely by the School.

Students will use the same device until the end of Year 8, albeit the device remains the property of the School at all times. When they enter the Senior School in Year 9, students will transition to a BYOD model to allow students and their parents more autonomy over the kind of device they require for specialised pathways.

Students new to St Mark's in Year 7 and Year 8 will receive their device at the start of Term One.

Kind regards

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