2016 ICT – Level 4 1:1 iPad Program

Dear 2016 Year 5 Parents,

At Jells Park, we strongly believe in providing challenging, engaging and relevant learning experiences for all of our students. One of the ways in which this is made possible is to provide students with access to the most up to date and efficient technology. Integrating modern technology into a school curriculum is not about replicating current models but adapting educational practices to reflect the real world and prepare for the future. Individual tablet devices provide students with a personal gateway to our global society with access to more information, learning and collaboration opportunities than ever before.

Such devices are a companion and a tool that can be used in countless different ways to achieve both personal and collaborative learning goals. Three years ago, Jells Park PS leadership, School Council and staff members explored the latest 21st century learning options for our students and based on our extensive research we introduced a 1:1 bring your own Apple iPad program at the start of 2013. This initiative has been extremely successful in improving student engagement, creativity, collaboration and management skills. It also facilitates a more personalised, dynamic and interactive curriculum that can accommodate important 21st Century skills and learnings.

Since its inception, we always strive to develop and improve the program to achieve the best outcomes for students. As of last year JPPS made a commitment to providing all necessary apps to students, taking a financial and technical burden from parents. 2016 will be a huge year for the 1:1 program with many exciting new features to be implemented and new ways of learning to be explored.

Attached to this notice are some frequently asked questions that provide information about why we use iPads, how we use iPads and the kind of iPads the school asks students to have. The school will be supporting parents by providing a device management, security and skills workshop on Thursday 10 December at 6:30pm. A reminder notice will be sent out closer to the date.

We look forward to another successful year enjoying the benefits of 1:1 ratio computer/tablet access for all Year 5 and 6 students and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Gillian Brookes
Principal