



Thursday 10 October 2018

2019 ICT – 1:1 Device Program

Dear 2019 Level 4, 5 and 6 Parents,

At Jells Park, we strongly believe in providing challenging, engaging and relevant learning experiences for all of our students. One of the ways 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 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 tool that can be used in countless different ways to achieve both personal and collaborative learning goals. Jells Park PS has always been on the forefront of digital technologies and has been employing 1:1 devices in Levels 5 and 6 since 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 learning.

In 2017 Victorian schools implemented the Victorian Curriculum, part of which is the new mandatory Digital Technologies component. At Jells Park PS, our Bring Your Own Device program has allowed our students to fully immerse themselves in digital technologies as part of their everyday learning experience, in keeping with vocational trends and requirements.

As you may be aware, we have previously deployed iPads as our preferred BYO device. This was due to their superior battery life and portability compared to laptops. In 2018 this is no longer the case. Laptops are now just as portable and capable of sustaining battery life throughout the school day, while also being more versatile for learning applications. Many schools are now transitioning to laptops; most importantly, our local high schools such as Brentwood.

School Council has approved for the implementation of laptops beginning in 2019 and extending the BYOD program to Level 4 students. This transition will be rolled out at the beginning of 2019 but we are aware that some parents have already purchased iPads and do not expect anyone to replace an iPad with a laptop. The following model will be implemented for next year.

Level 4: Bring Your Own Laptop

Level 5: Bring Your Own Laptop or iPad

Level 6: Bring Your Own Laptop or iPad

As in previous years we will be collaborating with JB HiFi to provide parents with an online portal to purchase approved devices at a discounted rate and parents of students in Levels 4, 5 and 6 will have a reduction in the ICT Levy. All software, apps and technical support will be provided by JPPTS so the only cost to parents is the initial purchase of the device.

The JB HiFi portal is currently being constructed and an information sheet containing instructions and credentials for purchase will be sent out in the coming weeks. ***We also strongly encourage parents to attend the cyber safety session being run at the school on Monday 22 October 2018.*** Information is attached to this notice.

We look forward to another successful year enjoying the benefits of 1:1 ratio computer access for all Level 4, 5 and 6 students and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dave O’Kane
Assistant Principal

Susan McLean presents: **GROWING UP ONLINE**

Susan McLean is Australia's leading **Cybersafety** expert & educator. **Jells Park Primary School** has been fortunate to secure an evening with Susan where she will present to Parents and Carers on the subject of **Cybersafety**.

Topics covered during the evening will include:

- What are kids doing online?
- Online grooming
- Cyberbullying
- Sharing Nudes
- Potential Dangers & Safety Tips
- Problematic Internet use and gaming issues

WHO: This session will be targeted towards all parents & carers of primary school aged children

WHEN: Monday 22nd October, 2018 @ 7.00-8.30pm

WHERE: Jells Park Primary School Gymnasium
Petronella Avenue, Wheelers Hill

COST: There will be an entry fee of \$10/family

HOW TO BOOK: <https://www.trybooking.com/XYJV>

We look forward to welcoming parents & carers from the local community for this interesting and informative session.

Further Information about Susan McLean:

<http://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/>

