20 March 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, the College introduced the Apple iPad2 as a compulsory learning device for students in years 7 -11 in 2012.

The cyber safety and iPad information evening will take place on **Wednesday 27 March 2013** at 7.15pm in the College VCE Centre.

Collection of the iPad’s will begin at 6.45pm. To be eligible to collect an iPad2, each student and their parent/guardian must complete, sign and bring along all of the attached forms, iPads will not be given unless these forms are returned.

Each student will receive directions of which specific Apps need to be downloaded as part of the studies at their particular year level. Information on how to set-up the iPad2 and connect to the College network will also be distributed on these evenings and as these devices will be personally managed by each individual student, it is essential for families to be present in order to receive all of the necessary information.

The College is meeting half of the cost of the iPad2, with families being invoiced over one year for their financial contribution. Family contributions will be organised in a manner which enables those eligible, to claim the Government’s Education Tax Refund. The iPad will be covered by a normal manufacturer’s warranty but this does not include wilful or careless loss or damage, eg Dropped and cracked screens. The opportunity to purchase the iPad2 at the end of the lease for ‘fair market value’ will also be offered.

The College’s decision to heavily subsidise the cost of leased iPad2 makes this arrangement a most viable option for families, the overall cost to families will be less than retail cost and lower still for those eligible for the Education Tax Refund.

Whilst the iPad2 will remain the property responsibility of the College for the duration of the lease, students will be sole custodians of the devices. Individual responsibilities for these devices are clearly spelt out in the attached agreement, which is to be signed prior to the collection of each iPad2.

Naturally as with any such device brought to school, we reserve the right to ensure that inappropriate material is not carried on the iPad2, regardless of its ownership. If offensive material is detected, students will be asked to remove it, and appropriate disciplinary measures would then be taken.

Yours sincerely,

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