The future for our students…

In preparing our students for their futures, it is important that we acknowledge a number of factors. Firstly, according to Professor Linda Darling-Hammond [2011], knowledge workers will soon represent 70% of first-world economies. Schools are preparing students for jobs that do not exist, hence there is a need to focus on deep abilities -- the so-called 21st century skills: including creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, and communication.

Secondly, the volume of information and its availability is rapidly increasing. Google estimated that every two days in 2010 as much information was created on the internet as was generated in an entire year in 2003 [Siegler, 2010]. In the same year, the number of devices that were accessing the internet was the same as Earth’s total population. By 2015, it was estimated that there will be the equivalent of two devices per person! For this reason, it is important to equip our students to thrive in an information-rich world.

The Australian Curriculum

The Australian Curriculum emphasises the significant differences inherent in learning in the 21st century. The whole curriculum is built around the development of a set of general capabilities: literacy, numeracy, ICT competence, creative and critical thinking, ethical behaviour, personal and social competence, and intercultural understanding. Together, these capabilities are important to individuals living in a world where technology allows for learning to occur ‘anywhere, anytime’.

Educational research about the influences of ICLT provision in learning suggests that it improves student engagement and creates an environment more conducive to effective innovation in pedagogy (teaching and learning). A recent study indicates that in an all-digital learning context, an ‘iPad promotes both efficient use of time and more learning moments’. Importantly, research suggests that it is better to view ICLT not as a technological tool but rather as a cognitive tool [Weston, M.E. & Bain, A. 2010].

Current ICLT Resourcing at SOTS

At Star of the Sea School, students have access to school owned and operated Apple devices. These devices allow students to:

- self-pace their learning
- work collaboratively
- develop an understanding of responsible internet use
- access information and answers to questions immediately
- share their learning with their community
- have their individual learning needs supported
- question, inquiry and discover

2016 BYOD Implementation

In 2016, SOTS embarked on a new program, to allow students to use personal devices, at school, to enhance their learning. These devices, provided additional ways to support development of their learning that simultaneously promoted strengths, helped to improve areas of weaknesses, and facilitated opportunities to discover new or latent talents.

It should be noted that while ICLT facilitated learning at SOTS is a significant focus for all students in Prep through to Year 6, the BYOD Program will only continue to be run in the Year 5 and 6 Learning Area next year.

How will the program work?

SOTS are giving families of students in Year 5 and Year 6 the opportunity to supplement their students learning with a family owned iPad. The following guidelines and policy attached will outline the expectations of use, maintenance and care of devices. Students who bring their own device to school will use solely their own device, and will be able to take their learning on their device home with them daily. Students who are unable to bring their own iPad device to school will have use of shared school owned devices in the classroom, and will use these in the same way as all students. School devices are NOT to be taken home by students, and will remain on school grounds at all times.

Theft and Damage

While Star of the Sea will take reasonable steps to provide an environment where iPads are safe, ultimately the responsibility for the care, safety and security of the iPads lies with the student.

Insurance

It is the responsibility of the owner to insure the device. It is strongly recommended that families investigate insurance options such as personal home and content policies as the school does not accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage. Insurance options should be explored at the time of purchase.

Device Breakages

The student will put the device in the storage shelves provided at school and take it home at the end of the school day where the student/parent can then troubleshoot the device and arrange servicing if required.
The Code of Conduct outlines the Acceptable Use Policy more specifically for student use of Star of the Sea IT networks and devices. Its main purpose is to encourage the mature and responsible use of the facilities available to the students through the provision of clear usage guidelines. Students authorised to use the school’s networks also have Internet and Electronic Mail access. The use of ICLT devices has been designed to help students keep up with the demands of the 21st century. Helping students become responsible digital citizens will enhance not only what we do in the classroom, but also give students skills and experiences that will prepare them for their future studies and career.

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment deems the following to be responsible use and behaviour by a student:
- developing appropriate literacy, communication and information skills;
- authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the Intranet or Internet for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school;
- conducting general research for school activities and projects;
- communicating or collaborating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work;
- accessing online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
- researching and learning through the system’s e-learning environment (LIFE).

The Queensland Department of Education, Training and Employment deems the following to be irresponsible use and behaviour by a student:
- use the IT resources in an unlawful manner
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures;
- insult, harass or attack others or use obscene or abusive language;
- deliberately waste printing and Internet resources;
- damage any electronic devices, printers or the network equipment;
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws;
- use unsupervised internet chat;
- send chain letters or Spam e-mail (junk mail)
- access 3G/4G networks during lesson time
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching BCE’s network security.
Our Expectations

Parents/guardians will:

• Purchase a device and accessories that meet the device specifications as outlined by the school;
• Supervise student use of the digital device when at home. It is recommended that the digital device be used in a public area within the house and not in an individual student’s bedroom. There are significant benefits for separating sleep and study space for students. Star of The Sea is NOT responsible for how student devices are used at home.
• Encourage their child to be responsible for the care and use of their device, including transporting their device to and from school each day and charging it each night;
• Reinforce appropriate use of device during the school day, including following the instructions given by teachers and not using their device before or after school;
• Accept that all devices brought to school are their child’s responsibility and the insurance for the device is the responsibility of the parent’s /carer. Consequently, parents / carers will...
  - Check with their insurance company that their child’s device is covered and are aware of any replacement restrictions or conditions within their insurance policy. (e.g. Is the device covered? What is my excess? How many times can I make a claim?)
  - We strongly recommended that parents/guardians purchase AppleCare+. Please read terms and conditions carefully prior to purchase: http://www.apple.com/support/products/ipad.html

Students will:

• With their parents/guardian’s guidance, acknowledge the expectations and responsibilities in the BYOD Policy;
• Transport their device to and from school in a safe manner (e.g. water bottles on the outside of your school bag and the device in the school bag);
• Charge their device each night;
• Under ICT Coordinator supervision, access the school WiFi network, as part of the learning program;
• Follow teacher’s directions as to the appropriate use of their devices in class;
• Not use their device before or after school, unless instructed by a teacher or their parent/guardian;
• Remember that the device is theirs and not let others use it;
• Place their device in the storage shelves provided, when their device is not in use;
• Be supported to make responsible choices online and encouraged to report any inappropriate content.
In addition to this Star of the Sea states that:

- Users are responsible for the security, maintenance and integrity of their individually owned devices and their network accounts.
- Information dispatched from the school network is a reflection on how the global community perceives the school. All students using the network are encouraged to show that they are positive ambassadors for Star of the Sea.
- No obscene, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language should be used in electronic mail or any other form of network communication.
- Students using the network must not at any time attempt to access other computer systems, accounts or unauthorised network drives or files or to access other people’s devices without their permission and without them present.
- Students must not record, photograph or film any students or school personnel without the express permission of the individual/s concerned and the supervising teacher.
- Copying of software, information, graphics, or other data files may violate copyright laws without warning and be subject to prosecution from agencies to enforce such copyrights.
- The school will educate students regarding cyber bullying, safe Internet and email practices and health and safety regarding the physical use of electronic devices. Students have a responsibility to behave in line with these safe practices.
- Any inappropriate material will be removed from personally owned devices before bringing the devices to school and such material will not be shared with other students.
- It is recommended families are responsible for providing their own individual insurance on privately owned electronic devices, to assure to always have a working device. Other consequence may be deemed necessary following the school behaviour plan.

**Laws and Consequences of Inappropriate Online Behaviour and Cyberbullying**

Inappropriate online behaviour may in certain circumstances constitute a criminal offence. Both the Criminal Code Act 1995 (Cth) and the Criminal Code Act 1899 (Qld) contain relevant provisions applicable to cyberbullying.

The Commonwealth Criminal Code outlines a number of criminal offences concerning telecommunications services. The most relevant offence for cyberbullying is “using a carriage service to menace, harass or cause offence to another person”.

The Queensland Criminal Code contains several applicable sections for cyberbullying. Potential relevant criminal offences are:

- Unlawful stalking
- Computer hacking and misuse
- Possession of child exploitation material
- Involving a child in making
- child exploitation material
- Making child exploitation material
- Distribution of child exploitation material
- Criminal Defamation

There are significant penalties for these offences.
Star of the Sea strives to create positive environments for all students at all times of the day, including while online. To help in achieving this goal, Star of the Sea expects its students to engage in positive online behaviours and adhere to the Code of Conduct at all times.

Consequences
A breach in the BYOD Policy, BYOD Code of Conduct or the ICLT Acceptable Use Policy may include but not limited to the following consequences:
- Classroom warning
- Possible loss of device access
- Temporary loss of device access
- Parent contact
- Forfeiture of device
- Referral to school administration
- Possible referral to law enforcement
- Restitution in vandalism instances
- Reimbursement for actual loss, damage or repair

What do families need to do?
- Attached is the Star of the Sea School BYOD Policy for students and parents to read. Please return to school prior to the start of the 2017 school year, if your child is participating in the program.
- Follow all directions on the BYOD Portal found on the Parent Portal.

If you have any questions, please contact….
1. Objectives – Policy Statement

1.1. Students in Year 5 and 6 2017 will be permitted to bring to school a personally owned Apple iPad, as specified on the school iPad Portal, for the purpose of learning.

1.2. School developed guidelines and procedures for the use of a student’s personally owned iPad at school, will be met by students, parents, caregivers and teachers.

2. Device Specifications

2.1. Students may bring a personally owned Apple iPad to school, on the condition that it meets school mandated specifications as outlined in the handbook.

2.2. Personally owned student iPads will contain the expected content at all times.

3. Responsibilities and Procedures

Parents and Caregivers

3.1. Parents will read and understand all policy documents and expectations with regards to personal iPad.

3.2. Parents will supervise student use of the digital device when at home.

3.3. Parents will ensure that the appropriate device is purchased or used for student learning.

Students

3.4. All student iPads will be registered with the school prior to use in the classroom.

3.5. All student iPads will be placed on the school’s secure wifi network.

3.6. Students will adhere to the ICLT Acceptable Use Policy at all times.

3.7. Students will be responsible for their own device, with regards to charging, maintenance, and content.

School

3.8. The school will be responsible for the monitoring of student iPad usage while being used for learning on school grounds.

3.9. The school will not be responsible for damage to or maintenance of personally owned student devices.

I _________________________, parent/ caregiver of __________________________________, have read the code of conduct and agree to the terms and conditions of Star of the Sea School BYOD Policy.

Signed: _______________________________ Dated: _______________________________