Wirreanda Secondary School 1 to 1 Device program

Wirreanda Secondary School is committed to providing students with an engaging learning experience that reflects the increasing use of digital technologies in our ever changing global society. Advances in technologies have provided new opportunities for students to connect, show understanding, think creatively, problem solve and work collaboratively.

Our school vision is for all students to participate in the 1 to 1 device program at Wirreanda Secondary School. Participation means that all students can engage in positive learning opportunities that will improve learning outcomes and develop skills that will be beneficial to them throughout their lives and careers.

How does the program work?

In 2024 Wirreanda Secondary School will issue a new laptop to all students in year 7, 10 and Disability Unit/Special Class with the intent to roll out the program over the next 3 years. Families will be invited to collect the laptop and complete the 1 to 1 laptop commitment outlining the terms and conditions of the program during fee paying days in January or in week 1 of the school year.

Families pay a fee each year for 3 years, which enables students to retain the use of the laptop 24/7. This fee also covers the costs of all school licensed software, technical support from school based ICT staff, cost of accidental damage insurance premiums, repairs and maintenance arranged by school ICT staff and access to a hot swap device during repairs. The annual fee will be $350. For families eligible for school card the device will be provided with no annual fee.

Students will have the device for the 3 years of middle school/senior school. Students will be issued a new device in year 10. If the student leaves the school during the 3 year period the device is returned to the school. During the 3 year period the device remains the property of the school. At the end of the 3 year period the device becomes the property of the student provided the annual fees have been paid.

Advantages of the program

Teachers use technology within their curriculum programs, and the individual student laptop makes ICT integration possible at any time anywhere in the school and at home. Further advantages include:

- improving student learning outcomes through the use of consistent technology throughout the school
- supporting students to become responsible digital citizens
- normalising technology use between the school and home
- improving motivation and increased engagement
- access to device specific resources ie chargers

How will the device be used?

Technology is a tool that can enhance teaching practice, facilitate the creation of knowledge and enable differentiation of learning. Our teachers use technology in the classroom in an educationally purposeful way to support high quality learning outcomes. The device will be used to access the following:

- virtual classrooms
- online discussions and collaborative learning tools (in school, between schools, internationally)
- assessment tasks, feedback, results and reporting
- communication tools (eg email, direct messaging and daily notices)
- industry standard software for creating, editing, designing, presenting and sharing such as Microsoft 365 and Adobe Creative Cloud
- subject specific software and apps
- schools printing, copying and scanning services.

How much does it cost to participate in the program?

The annual cost per student is $350 ($0 for families on school card). This fee provides:

- laptop
- access to the schools wireless network and filtered high speed internet
- accidental damage insurance
- a suite of school licensed software
- technical support / onsite repair and hot swap
- protective laptop case.

Learning Management System

Wirreanda Secondary School utilises a learning management system (Daymap) that connects all members of the school, allowing teachers, students and parents to work together in a supportive learning environment. It enables the school to manage student attendance, lesson planning, unit planning, assessment and reporting while engaging parents and students in an interactive community. Through the parent portal, parents can get involved in their child's education and monitor all aspects of the learning.

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