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BYOD in Stage 3 2018

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

In 2016 Carlton Public School introduced a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. We initially had 2 pilot classes who ran the program and it was so successful, it was decided to roll it out to the rest of the Stage 3 students.

The feedback that we are received from students, teachers and parents was positive and we are all learned along the way, which was largely the purpose of a Pilot Class.

Here is some feedback from the children in the two 2016 Pilot Classes:

"I like using Google Classroom because it's an easier way for us to handle our work."

"It is easier to look at the iPad than the whiteboard. Everything we need is on there."

"I don't have to look at the white board that I can't clearly see from my seat. It's easy to use."

"It's much easier to store info. You know what's happening and what's going to happen. It's much easier because you can attach folders, Maths, English, History and Geography and more."

"The thing that I like about the iPad is that it is portable. I like Google Classroom because it is paperless and it's on your desk."

"It is easier to see, you can scroll down to where you're up to, it is very convenient- Easier to learn
* I LOVE IT*"

"We can work at our own speed."

"We learn new things and it's fun."

"It helps us learn in a fun and exciting way. I like using Google Classroom because it helps us for our future."

"I really like BYOD at school."

"Overall I like using the iPads in class, but I hope that I can use my laptop soon too."

Do you like using the iPads in the classroom each day?

99% said yes

1% said no

(57 responses)

We have been using the iPad as the device of choice because when we conducted the community surveys in 2015, most data collected showed that the iPad was the most popular and widely owned device among families. Many of the families who responded to the survey also indicated that their child had a laptop.

In Stage 3 your child is encouraged to bring in an iPad to use in class every day except for Friday (due to sport and we don't want iPads sitting in bags on sport fields!). All Stage 3 teachers will be using Google Classroom and the iPads will be used regularly throughout each day to support your child's learning.

During the pilot program, laptops were introduced for the students who did not have an iPad and most worked well. In some cases the laptop did not connect to our wifi due to the particular laptop build and the Department of Education's secure wifi network configurations. If your child is unable to bring an iPad, but can bring a laptop, please send it to school and your child's teacher can check the compatibility.

Attached is a BYOD student agreement which will need to be returned prior to your child participating in BYOD at Carlton Public School.

In the event that you are unable to send an iPad or laptop (not both on the same day), then your child will have access to the school supplied iPad and laptop bank when available.

Kind Regards,

Stage 3 Teachers