

# GOOD COUNSEL COLLEGE

66 Owen Street, Innisfail Qld 4860



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Dear Parents and Care Givers

## Student Computer Device Years 7 – 12, 2016

The Declaration on the Educational Goals for Young Australians recognises that in a digital age, and with rapid and continuing changes in the ways that people share, use, develop and communicate with ICT, young people need to be highly skilled in its use. Additionally to participate in a knowledge-based economy and to be empowered within a technologically sophisticated society now and into the future, students need the knowledge, skills and confidence to make ICT work for them at school, at home, at work and in their communities.

In order to support the ongoing implementation of the Australian Curriculum, online assessments and to ensure that students at Good Counsel College are well prepared to face the future, the College will expand its laptop program include every student from years 7-12 in 2016.

It will take three years for this program to be fully implemented across all year levels and will ensure that each student within the College will have access to a laptop device both at school and at home. From 2016 students in years 7 and 10 will receive a laptop computer for their exclusive use for three years. The laptop will be maintained by the College during its three year life span. During this time the College is responsible for any repairs including the processing of warranty/damage claims; a loan laptop will be available if needed. At the end of three years (Yr 9 & Yr 12) the laptop belongs to the students. If continuing from Yr 9 into Yr 10, then another new laptop for their remaining three years. Those students that don't complete the full three years (Yr7-9 & Yr10-12) at the College won't have the ability to keep their allocated laptop without prior arrangement with the Principal.

The cost of this program will be incorporated into the Technology Levy with the College subsidising approximately 30% of the total cost. This will vary in 2016 for different year levels during the 3 year transition period, dependant on current arrangements as outlined in the table below. In 2016 Years 8 and 9 are paying a reduced levy because they will be receiving laptops from our existing program funded under the Digital Education Revolution and will not be able to keep them beyond year 9.

The laptop program ensures that students will have a good quality device with technical support available that can meet their educational requirements without a large upfront cost to parents.

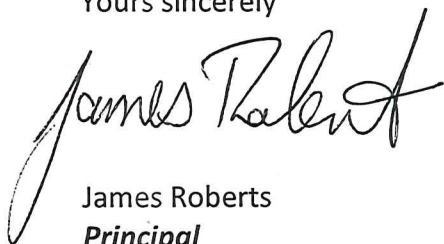
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## Technology Levy\*

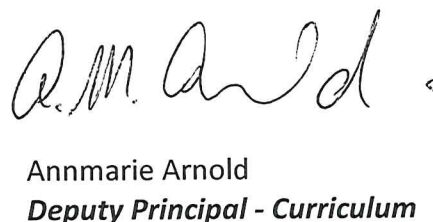
Year Level	Cost per term (per student 2016)	Arrangement
7	\$60	New DELL Laptop Issued – taken through to end of Year 9
8	\$30	Older laptop from existing fleet – returned to GCC at the end of 2016. Another laptop issued at the start of 2017 for Yr9.
9	\$30	Older laptop from existing fleet – returned to GCC at the end of 2016. Student issues with a new laptop 2017 as part of the new Program.
10	\$60	New DELL Laptop Issued – taken through to end of Year 12
11	\$60	Part of the existing laptop program, laptop returned to GCC at the end of 2016 and reissued 2017 at the start of Yr12.
12	\$60	Part of the existing laptop program, laptop kept by student at the end of 2016 – laptop to be returned in prior to Graduation will be reinstalled and available for collection end of January 2017

\* Levies are reviewed each year and will increase with CPI movement

Yours sincerely



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