Dear Parents

Kawana Waters State College is committed to maximising the use of current and emerging technologies within our classrooms to provide positive educational benefits. Learning and innovation skills are what separate students who are prepared for increasingly complex life and work environments in today’s world and those who are not.

In previous years KWSC has offered a one-to-one Laptop Program for students in Years 9 – 12, however, to maximise access to technology across the College in 2015 we are implementing a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program from Prep to Year 12. A BYOD Program is one that provides students with the option to bring their electronic device (e.g. iPad, laptop, tablet etc) to school each day to assist with their learning. Access to a BYO device at the College replicates the technology rich environment already common in higher education and business and allows learning to continue anytime, anywhere. We are committed to maintaining a level of ICT across the College, however the benefits for students having access to their own device in and out of class are significant.

The final decision on BYOD for 2015 is as follows:

- Prep and Year 1 - BYOD iPads
- Years 2 to 5 we suggest an iPad or laptop (Windows or Apple)
- Years 6 to 12 we prefer students have a laptop (Windows or Apple)

Please note: In Years 10-12, the curriculum and assessment requirements of the students are better suited to a laptop.

If you already have a Windows or Apple Laptop purchased within the last 2 years, an iPad 2, 3, 4, iPad Air or iPad Mini — they will all meet the curriculum needs at the College from Years 2-9.

If you are looking to purchase an Apple laptop or a Windows based laptop, recommended specification can be found on the Kawana Waters State College website.
https://kawanawatersssc.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Teachingandlearning/Pages/eLearning-and-ICT.aspx

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