



Dear Parents and Guardians

## **2016 Year 7, 8 and 9 Students**

Baldivis Secondary College embraces the Bring Your Own Device initiative. Bring your own device (BYOD) refers to technology models where students bring a personally owned device to school for the purpose of learning. There are various models for BYOD. Educational research abounds which clearly shows that the appropriate use of technology in the classroom enhances the educational experience and supports stronger educational outcomes for students.

The college has Information Technology devices for student use currently but these are limited in number and location for consistent classroom usage in daily educational activities. Gone are the days where the government provides computers to students particularly in a 1:1 format. To ensure that schools are able to engage our young people in a variety of learning activities to attend to the variable learning styles many are tapping into the use of technology in a rich and meaningful way and in tune with the reality that many students are in possession of and using IT devices in their everyday world.

“The reality is that web-based tools and resources have changed the landscape of learning. Students now have at their fingertips unlimited access to digital content, resources, experts, databases and communities of interest. By effectively leveraging such resources, school authorities not only have the opportunity to deepen student learning, but they can also develop digital literacy, fluency and citizenship in students that will prepare them for the high tech world in which they will live, learn and work” (Alberta Education, 2012).

Our intention is to provide the best possible learning activities and pedagogy for our students and, like many schools; we are introducing a BYOD model. For Year 7, 8 and 9 students in 2016 the college will be placing an iPad on the booklist. Below is a specification sheet to assist in ensuring the most appropriate model is provided. Many students will already have this device. Please feel free to contact our ICT Manager at the college to seek advice on what you may already have or the purchase of a new device.

Of course costs are always a consideration and we understand that it is not easy for some families in this regard. The college is very willing to work with families to ease any financial burden as best we can. If you are in this position please contact the Business Manager to discuss how we may be able to assist.

We look forward to further enhancing the learning journey of our students and ensuring they have every opportunity possible provided to them to assist in reaching their full potential.

Kind regards

Keith Svendsen  
Principal

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## **Baldivis Secondary College**

### **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)**

**Year 7 and 8 and 9 required device;**

***Apple AIR iPad or MINI***

iPad – WIFI 16 GB minimum

If iPad has 3 G capabilities ( sim card is not to be used at school )

10" screen is recommended

**Android Does Not Work in the School Environment**

**( Samsung Tablet )**