An exciting change is ahead in 2018!

As we are all acutely aware, technology has become an integral part of our society. It's a part of everything we do. To better prepare students for their future careers, utilising various tools and technology in the classroom is essential. Technology integration makes learning more accessible, interactive and enjoyable for students. Students are already interested and engaged in using technology and this creates amazing learning opportunities for schools and teachers to benefit from the integration of technology in the classroom.

At CCC, we strive for excellence in Education and place great emphasis on preparing students now for their future. Two years ago, we began the implementation process of our BYOD program. As part of this process, this year all Year 11 and 12 students, together with students in Year 9 & 10 studying Graphics or Digital Technology, were required to purchase their own device to be used in the classroom. This phase of the BYOD program has been extremely successful and has provided an abundance of learning opportunities, experiences and increased collaboration for students and their teachers.

The final stage of the implementation process will be in 2018 when every student from Year 7 to 12 will be required to purchase and maintain their own laptop or similar device. CCC will ensure that devices are connected to our network, have high speed (and content filtered) access to the internet and access to the full Microsoft suite, Adobe suite and Dreamspark (a collection of programs used for Coding, Robotics and Video Game Design).

Our recommendation is that students purchase a Microsoft Surface device. The Surface is a very high-quality device capable of easily running the full Microsoft suite of applications and providing students with a long battery life that will last a full school day. While the Surface is the recommended device, many other devices are suitable if they meet the minimum specifications below.

Minimum Specifications:
- Parents should ensure they purchase a laptop device (as opposed to a tablet i.e. iPad or Galaxy tablet which are least suitable for students to use for their studies).
- Wifi – 5GHz compatible (dual band wireless)
- Processor – i5 or equivalent
- RAM – 4GB
- Windows 10 or equivalent; or OS Maverick or later
- Capable of running the full version of OneNote

We look forward to partnering with our students and their families to deliver the best educational and learning opportunities possible next year and into the future.

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