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Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad Program - 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to inform our community of our intention to move forward and introduce a Bring Your Own Device (BYO) iPad program on a voluntary basis, commencing term 1 of 2018. A team of 'digital teacher leaders' along with our technician and school leadership have undertaken extensive research in the area of BYO mobile device programs. This has involved networking with schools and educators who have successfully implemented whole school BYO iPad programs. Additionally, our ongoing professional learning experiences. Over the last 6 months, we have invested resources to upgrade our internet bandwidth and install specific web filtering software and hardware to enable our iPads to effectively operate within a school environment. We are now in the position where we invite all families to consider the opportunity to participate in the BYO iPad program, on a voluntary basis at Romsey, commencing Term 1 2018. To support families in considering this opportunity we have developed a detailed outline of our BYO iPad program which we ask all families to take time reading through before responding via an expression of interest form to indicate your interest in participating. Links to the BYO iPad Program Information and Expression of Interest Form can be found on our:

- School Website: <http://www.romseyps.vic.edu.au/>

The expression of interest online form will remain open - and families may register their interest at any time. This information will help us begin planning for the initial implementation of the program. Further information to families will feature as part of our annual Acquaintance Night early in 2018.

In summary:

- The BYO iPad program is voluntary. Students who are not able to bring along a personal BYO iPad to school will continue to access iPads that are shared amongst classrooms.

A key aim of the iPad program is to increase student access to this technology, where teachers can plan for their effective use in learning programs based on the requirements of the Victorian Curriculum.

- This is an iPad only program which means other mobile devices will not be supported. The majority of school's in Australia with BYO tablet programs are solely using iPads. It is important that we are able to use a common mobile platform where school shared and personal devices are being used, and for the consistent use of specific apps and resources.

- A range of iPad models can only be supported at school if they can support OS11. At this stage, iPad minis will be supported, although the preference is for the full screen model. Further details are provided in the Program Information.

- The program will be phased in from mid-term 1, 2016 for families wishing to participate.

• Parent support and education will be an important and ongoing part of the program. We thank our School Council who have supported and endorsed our school's directions with this initiative. We also thank families for their patience with the length of time we have taken to finalise our plans. We trust you take time to read through the BYO iPad Program Information located on our school website <http://www.romseyps.vic.edu.au/> before responding to the expression of interest.

Yours sincerely,

ICT Team

Romsey Primary School

Romsey Primary School BYO iPad Program - Expression of Interest

Thank you for taking time to read through the BYO iPad Information.

A range of iPad models can only be supported at school if they can support OS11. At this stage, iPad minis will be supported, although the preference is for the full screen model.

Possible models which will support OS11:

- iPad Pro (2nd generation) 12.9 inch
- iPad Pro (1st generation) 12.9 inch
- iPad Pro 10.5 inch
- iPad Pro 9.7 inch
- iPad Air 2
- iPad Air
- iPad (5th generation)
- iPad Mini 4
- iPad Mini 3
- iPad Mini 2



To support our planning and preparation for the implementation of the program commencing term 1 2018, we invite you to register your interest for your child / children to participate by completing the questions below.

If you have more than one child at school, we ask that the form is completed and submitted for each child.

We once again stress that the BYO iPad program is completely voluntary and we respect the rights of families who choose not to participate.

Student Name:

Year Level in 2018:

* Required

Please indicate the level of interest for your child to participate in the BYO iPad Program at Romsey Primary School in 2018 - providing them with and allowing them to take a family owned iPad for use in their learning at school. *

	Yes - in Term 1 2018
	Yes - we hope to, but are unsure at the moment whether or when we would be able to
	Unsure - we will decide next year
	No - we are not able to participate

If your response was Yes, please indicate your preferred option of supplying your child with an iPad.

	My / our child will be using an existing family owned iPad
	My / our child will be using a new iPad

After reading through the BYO iPad Program Information do you have any further questions? If so, please let us know below.

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