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Dear Families

**RE: Implementation of 1:1 Laptop Program for Year 7-9 Students**

I am pleased to inform you that our College will be implementing the 1:1 Laptop Program for Years 7-9 from the beginning of next term. Originally, students in Years 7-9 were set to receive their own laptop in 2021 as part of the staged implementation plan for this initiative. However, due to a number of factors brought about because of COVID-19 the College has worked to implement this phase of our 1:1 Laptop Program sooner than initially intended.

Therefore, every student in Years 7-9 will be provided with their own laptop device from the beginning of Term 4 2020. All laptops are owned, managed and maintained by the College to ensure a consistent and equitable learning platform for all students. Students will be able to use their device between home and school for their learning.

Each student will be responsible for their own laptop and will need to adhere to our College's Acceptable User Agreement which provides clear information about their rights and responsibilities of having a school owned device. All students and parents will need to sign and return the Acceptable User Agreement Form prior to being allocated a laptop. A copy of this document is attached to this letter. Please ensure that you read it carefully and discuss it with your child. Students will be able to collect their device from the Library in Week 1 once this form has been signed and returned.

Teachers will continue to work closely with students to educate and support them in their learning and wellbeing. The 1:1 Laptop Program does not replace the need for high quality teaching and learning, but rather it will further enhance the opportunities for all students to access and succeed in the contemporary learning atmosphere that our College provides.

This initiative enables students to access and engage in all areas of the curriculum and school life. We are proud that the 1:1 Laptop Program supports students to develop the knowledge, skills and capabilities needed to be able to thrive in their education and lives beyond school.

We are pleased that the provision for providing each student with a laptop has been made within the College's current fee structure. Therefore, a laptop will be provided to your child at no additional cost beyond school fees.

The early implementation of the 1:1 Laptop Program in Years 7-9 completes our College's transformation into an exciting and vibrant school community that fosters new technology, creativity and innovation.

Students are required to return the laptop and accessories at the end of the current school year or on the last day of enrolment if a student ceases to attend Caritas College.

If you have any questions about the 1:1 Laptop Program and how it will support and enhance your child's learning at school, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal