Dear Parent/Guardian,

Mount Clear College is continuing the 1:1 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in 2016 and we are pleased to announce that this program will be extended to our senior school students Years10 – 12 next year. The main focus of the program for our senior students is to ensure all our students have the opportunity to access technology anywhere and anytime. The program will enable senior students to access our online learning environment (Moodle), Compass and online assessment tools. In 2016 there is an expectation that all 10-12 students will participate in the BYOD program, so we ask any families that may find this difficult to make contact so that we can offer appropriate support.

As students enter their senior years of schooling they are beginning to choose their pathways for the future. We are aware of the differing technology needs of our senior students and offer a variety of devices through the online portal including:

- Apple MacBook 12” and 13”
- Dell Latitude 3340 13”
- Dell Latitude 3340 13” Touch
- Lenovo ThinkPad 11e / 11.6”
- Lenovo ThinkPad Yoga 11e /
- 11.6” Touch
- Microsoft Surface Pro 4
- Surface Pro 3

If you decide that an iPad used in the junior year levels is sufficient for senior schooling, students can continue to use this device however it is recommended that a quality keyboard is purchased to support the iPad.

This year Mt Clear College is supporting parents to purchase Devices by introducing the use of a ‘Portal’. The recommended supplier aligned with the ‘Portal’ is CompNow. The options for extended warranty and insurance can also be purchased through the portal and is highly recommended. You may choose to purchase a device through a different supplier, use the recommended supplier or use a previously purchased Device as long as it meets the minimum requirements below:

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<tr>
<td>Screen</td>
<td>9” Minimum</td>
<td>11.6” or higher</td>
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<td>Memory (RAM) All</td>
<td>4GB or higher</td>
<td>8GB or higher</td>
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<td>RAM iPad only</td>
<td>2GB or higher</td>
<td>8GB or higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>CPU</td>
<td>1.6GHz CPU or higher</td>
<td>Dual-Core processor or higher</td>
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<td>HDD/SSD iPad only</td>
<td>16GB</td>
<td>32GB or Higher</td>
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<td>HDD/SSD (All)</td>
<td>128GB</td>
<td>256GB</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wi-Fi</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Battery Life</td>
<td>3 hours or more</td>
<td>6 hours or more</td>
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<td>Operating System (Windows)</td>
<td>Windows 7 or higher</td>
<td>Windows 8.1</td>
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<td>Operating System (Mac)</td>
<td>Mac OS X 10.7 or higher</td>
<td>Mac OS X 10.9 or 10.10</td>
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<td>Operating System (Windows RT)</td>
<td>Windows RT 8.0 or higher</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating System (iOS)</td>
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The CompNow Portal will be accessible from the 18th of November via the school website. There will be two delivery date options including one before the end of the year and one at the beginning of the year. Devices will be connected to the school server and will be set-up with the edustar image. Only Secondary Image can be installed on devices with hard drives equal to or bigger than 128GB, anything below will be the core edustar image. This will allow students free access to the following programs:

Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Excel
- Skype for Business
- Microsoft OneNote

OneDrive for Business
- Microsoft Outlook 2016
- Microsoft PowerPoint 2016
- Microsoft Project 2016
- Microsoft Publisher 2016
- Microsoft Visio 2016
- Microsoft Word 2016

Arts and Graphics
- Adobe Photoshop Elements (only on secondary image)
- Blender
- FreeCAD
- Gimp
- Inkscape
- IrfanView
- Kahootz
- Kahootz
- Microsoft Research AutoCollage 2008
- MonkeyJam
- Paint.NET
- Pencil
- Photo Story for Windows
- Picasa
- ScreenMarker
- Tux Paint

Students will be required to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement before their device will be connected to the school server. If you have any questions in regards to the recommended supplier or the devices please visit the College website under the E-Learning @ MCC tab or email the ICT support team at ICTsupport@mtclearsc.vic.edu.au. If you do not find the answers you need or would simply like to discuss this further, please don’t hesitate to contact us directly.

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