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STUDENT LAPTOP INFORMATION for 2017 and beyond

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to all new parents/guardians and students to Golden Grove High School. This letter provides some information about the laptop strategy we are using in 2017 and beyond. Please read this information carefully so that you are able to make an informed decision regarding your child's learning and education at Golden Grove High School.

In recent years we were assisted by the Federal Government to provide families with subsidised laptops for student use. Unfortunately, there is no further government funding available. In 2016 our school moved to a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) policy. This means that families are expected to provide a laptop for their children attending Golden Grove High School. Students are required to bring their device to school and class every day. Teachers develop teaching and learning around the use of a laptop and expect that students use this device as an essential part of their access to the curriculum.

It is important to note that not all laptops will operate efficiently and be able to be used within the Golden Grove High School infrastructure. There are a number of minimum specifications that parents/guardians must be aware of before making any purchase (refer to separate information).

To assist families with this decision, we have worked with ASI Solutions to develop a laptop purchase portal, which has been set up so that parents can purchase laptops online that meet the school essential minimum specifications. It is not compulsory to purchase from this portal, but there are distinct advantages in doing so. There are a number of laptops on offer to suit different pricing preferences. All of these laptops from ASI Solutions have been ratified by Golden Grove High School and all meet the schools essential minimum hardware requirements.

It is also of importance to note that the portal offers parents the ability to take out insurance, including accidental damage insurance. We suggest that you also look into your own household insurance to make a comparison.

The benefits for students and parents is that a purchase from the ASI Portal will include a carry bag as well as the added assurance that the device purchased meets the minimum specifications, providing parents and students with peace of mind. If, for some reason the laptop fails, ASI will endeavour to repair the device by the next business day. It is guaranteed that the student will not be without a laptop during this period of repair as the school will provide a loan laptop.

To access the portal, please go to: <https://gghs.asi.com.au> or alternatively you can access the ASI Portal via the Golden Grove High School website. Go to ('Our School – Information Communication Technology – BYOD Laptops or via the Resources Tab on the left hand side of the screen). Once you access the ASI Portal, you will have to register and create your own password before you can access any viewing of products.

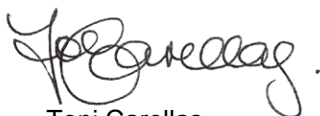
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You will notice that you have access to two types of laptops, either touch screen or non-touch screen. If you require additional information about the device or payment options, please ring ASI directly on 8354 6200.

Attached to this letter is further information to assist you in your decision.

If you have further questions please do not hesitate to contact us at the school, you could ask to speak to David Poland or Toni Carellas.

Yours faithfully

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Deputy Principal