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## Initial Technology Letter To Year 1-12 Parents

Dear Parent / Carer

**From 2021, the school will not be requiring iPad purchase and use for its Year 5-12 students.** While iPads are seen as a secondary device, we are asking that all Year 5-12 students have access to a Laptop computer. The school aims for a 1-1, student to laptop ratio. As part of this, all Year 5 to 12 students are required to supply their own laptop for use at school. This is referred to as the BYOD program (Bring Your Own Device). The Victorian Curriculum Digital Technologies curriculum delivery is also enhanced through student use of these devices. The school is unable to fund and supply quality technology for daily and ongoing student use.

This letter provides an early indication of Technology requirements at Boort District School.

In 2021, Boort District P-12 School will be using the following structure to ensure Technology provision for students in Years F-12:

**Foundation - Year 4** – Years 1, 2, 3, 4 and Foundation students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying an Apple iPad or iPad mini.

**Year 5 -12** – Years 5 to 12 students will be asked to “Bring Your Own Device” (BYOD), supplying a Laptop. Students will also have class access to a bank of iPads in specific classes if required. An iPad should only be used as a secondary device.

Updating devices – students will be encouraged to update devices on a regular basis eg. when the warranty expires or perhaps 4/5 years of use.

Please note the information on the school website under BYOD, and the attached material, regarding purchasing options and recommended minimum specifications. A flowchart of requirements at each level is also included below. You have the option to select a Laptop package, based on cost and performance, and the information on the purchase of the iPads. There is also a finance option available through the ZipMoney finance company.

Microsoft Office is used throughout the school and all students are eligible to receive a free copy of Microsoft Office 365, as they will have an education based email account. There will be instructions on the school website and support will be available early in the 2021 school year to help students load this onto their computers if required.

We remind parents / carers / students of the school’s Acceptable Use Policy, which needs to be completed and returned to the school in order to enable students to access the network

and WiFi. The school's Bullying and Harassment Policy, on the school website, also covers our response to Cyberbullying. The Acceptable Use Policy will be forwarded at a later date.

We understand that there may be situations that arise where provision of these devices is difficult. In these cases, we have a limited amount of machines to loan to students. An ICT levy payment will be required in these cases so that the technology can be serviced and updated. Please contact Merryn Rees to discuss further if required.

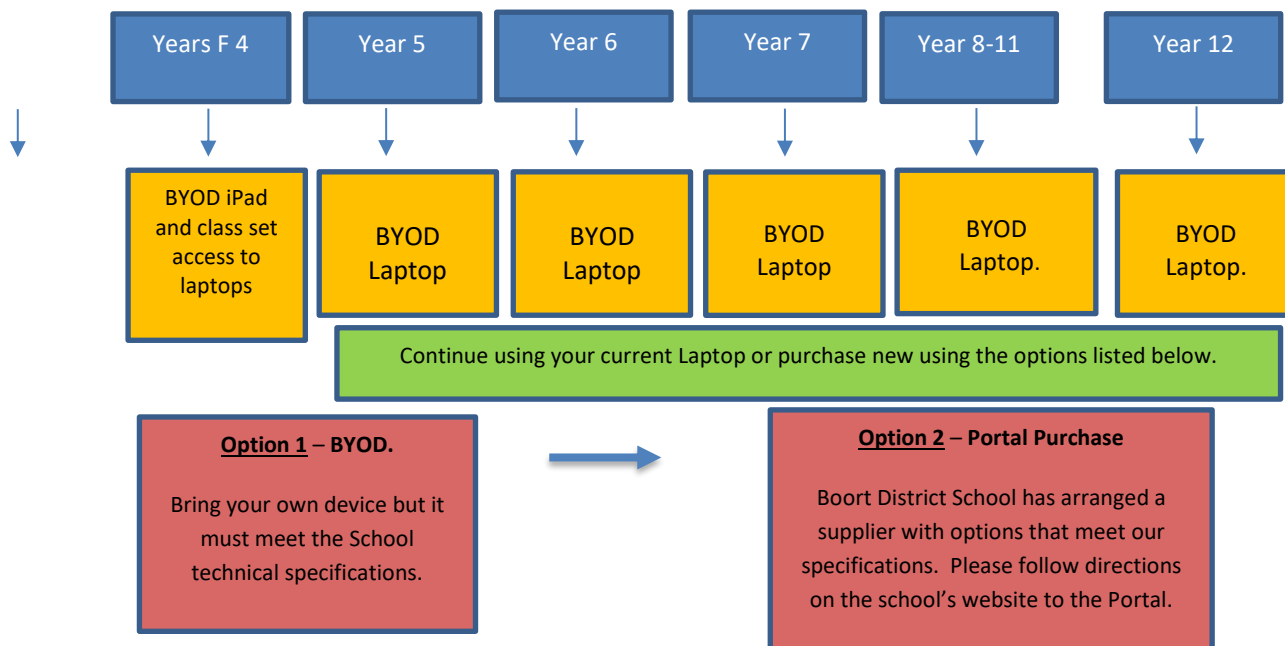
We urge parents / carers to have students organised for the beginning of the 2021 school year, with access to laptops required for Year 5-12 students.

Yours sincerely

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

## BOORT DISTRICT P-12 TECHNOLOGY STRUCTURE 2021



### Technology Structure 2021

**Foundation – Year 4:** Students will take part in the BYOD iPad program in 2021.

**Year 5:** Students will begin the BYOD Laptop program and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 6:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 7:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 8-11:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

**Year 12:** Students continue using their BYOD Laptop and will have access to a class bank of iPads.

### Purchase Options

#### Edunet:

Link to Portal is available from the BYOD section on the school’s website.

The Portal has a number of options that meet the school’s specifications. Finance options are available.

**BYOD:** Bring Your Own Device to ensure that it meets the minimum technical specification.