



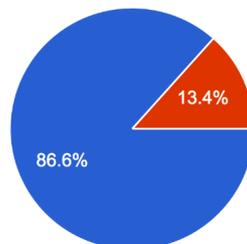
6<sup>th</sup> November 2015

**Dear Kindy to Year Three Families,**

As indicated at our Parent Presentation last term, we are writing to inform you that after a very thorough and consultative research period and following the survey feedback we received from parents from Kindy to Year 3, the School Board has made the decision to proceed with the parent funded, school leased, 1:1 Macbook initiative **in Year Four, 2016**.

We sincerely thank all parents who responded to the email invitation and to the survey - this was very much appreciated. As per the final survey graph, the feedback in support of the initiative was resoundingly positive.

**5. At this point in time are you supportive of St Emilie's implementing a 1 to 1 program commencing in Year 4 2016?**



A small number of parents expressed that they would have preferred the option to purchase outright. We have made the decision that certainly with this initial cohort of students, we will be going with the leasing option, where we take advantage of education pricing that only schools can access. This option also gives us a more streamlined deployment of 'like' devices, which is important when we have much less time and fewer resources than high schools to deal with any potential problems. This will be reassessed again for the 2017 intake.

There has been some appetite for the opportunity to 'buy back' the device at the end of the 3-year lease period. This is certainly an option, however we would not have a dollar figure in regard to how much this might be until closer to the end of the 3 year lease, where it would be

offered at 'fair market value'. Parents would need to be aware however that the device would be out of warranty by this time.

### **What will happen now?**

- The school will enter a leasing agreement for a period of 3 years.
- Each Year Four student in 2016 will receive an 11.6-inch 1.6GHz 4GB 128GB Macbook with insurance, for use at home and at school as of early next year.
- The devices will arrive here at St Emilie's in late January, ready for imaging by our technician over the school holidays.
- A 1:1 '**boot camp**' evening for parents and students will be held early February as an opportunity to go through the 'Acceptable Use' Policy, to address any questions and to support families in confidently managing the device at home.
- The fee for the 3-year use of this device will be included on the **school fee statement** which is sent at the start of the year. This fee equates to \$11.00 a week x 52 weeks. (Please note that the Year 4 booklist will be reduced by \$50.00 a year).

### **At the Parent 1:1 Boot Camp in February next year we will cover aspects such as:**

- Technical Set Up Questions at home
- Cyber Safety and digital citizenship
- Amount of screen time in and out of class
- Expectations of parents and students
- Insurance and technical support

We look forward to what we are sure will be a very exciting opportunity for our Year Four children and once again thank all parents for their terrific support.

Regards

**Tania Thuijs**

Principal

**Simon Harvey**

Board Chairperson