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Dear Parents

As you are probably aware, Fahan School has been trialing iPads in Years 4 and 9 this year. Due to its success, we have now made the decision to introduce iPads for all students in Years 3 - 10 from the beginning of 2014. Year 11 and 12 students may purchase/bring iPads as well but they are not compulsory.

The current Year 9 girls will continue to use their iPads purchased this year. Current Year 4 parents will receive an additional letter outlining details regarding the iPad trial for this year and purchasing an iPad.

The iPads have proven to be a valuable educational tool and have been embraced by both staff and students. Staff have completed several professional learning opportunities, trialing many different apps and are excited about the possibilities iPads provide for enhancing the delivery of the curriculum and individualising learning. Improvements in student engagement levels and learning outcomes have been observed.

This letter is to inform you that each girl in Years 3-10 will need her own iPad from 2014. There are a variety of iPads available, ultimately the choice is up to you but the school would make the following recommendations:

- iPad 2 or newer. It is expected that new models will be released before the end of this year.
- Minimum 16GB will be adequate for core schoolwork, although larger capacity iPads will allow for storage of more rich media (photos, video, sound).
- Full sized iPads have larger screens, which can be beneficial for many educational tasks although we have no issue with students bringing an iPad Mini.

We understand the commitment needed from our parent body in purchasing these devices for their daughters. We are looking closely at subject levies and an alternative to printed textbooks to try to offset some of the cost to you, as was done for Year 9 this year.

At this stage, we would like an indication of how you will provide an iPad. The preferred options for students that do not already own an iPad is for parents to purchase from any iPad reseller or to purchase directly through an online portal at special school pricing. The portal will be setup for the School by our reseller, Mac1, and will be available in Term 4. Parents who feel purchasing an iPad would cause significant financial hardship can contact the School.

Would you please fill out the form attached and return it to the School Office as soon as possible so our forward planning may continue? If you have any questions regarding iPads you can contact our Head of E-Learning, William Lelong, at lelongw@fahan.tas.edu.au. More details on our plans for iPads next year, including the online purchasing portal and information sessions, will be communicated throughout the rest of the year.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Foster
Acting Principal

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iPad Purchase Method for 2014

Student Name: _____ Year in 2014: _____

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Method of iPad purchase (please select one):

- ☐ Have or will purchase own iPad
- ☐ Purchase through an online portal provided by the School's reseller Mac1.
- ☐ May require assistance to purchase an iPad

Parents signature/s: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

*Please return this form to the Fahan School Office or fax 6225 1263 or email fahanschool@fahan.tas.edu.au by **Monday 29th July.***