September 20, 2013

RE: IPADS 2014

Dear Parents and Care-Givers

After careful consideration and discernment it has been resolved that there will be a levy next year to cover the cost of purchasing two sets (60) of iPads for use by the students across the school. The general ICT Levy will also be increased to allow our ICT Technician to maintain the devices so that they can be fully utilised in classes; it will also provide for the purchase of apps, licencing, Apple TV units, covers, etc.

| IPad Levy      | per student | Kindergarten | $75 |
|               |             | Prep – Grade 6 | $125 |

| ICT Levy      | per student | Kindergarten | $30 |
|               |             | Prep – Grade 6 | $50 |

This pathway was chosen for the following reasons:

Cost:
Many families indicated that these issues were a concern:
- Purchasing, insuring, protecting, replacing, etc. devices.
- Where more than one device may have been needed, ie – 2 or more children in the family.
- Transporting the devices to and from school.

Connectivity:
- The uncertainty about when the NBN will be accessible at St Cuthbert’s.
- Connectivity – there continue to be ‘blackspots’ in some classrooms.

Ressourcing:
- The School’s laptops are ageing, we are no longer replacing/repairing them.
- We can purchase the equivalent of 3 iPads for the cost of 1 laptop.

This decision is for 2014 only, and it gives us time to consider what will be the action plan for iPads in 2015 and beyond. It also gives teachers and students the time to consolidate their use as an effective learning tool in all classrooms.

The iPad levy, along with the Systemic ICT funding which provides about 30 iPads annually, will mean that we will have 120 devices (x4 sets) in the school next year. This equates to each student having 1:1 access to a device in their classroom for half the year.

Yours sincerely

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