Dear Secondary parent,

Following similar messages in the past few newsletters, I have decided to follow up with these update as some of you have asked me a few questions regarding the Bring Your Own Device policy or BYOD. The use of digital devices in the classroom has increased over recent years, with students using software such as Google Classroom, Docs, Slides, Sheets and of course web research and video. During the MCO period, this use has increased dramatically with online learning. So far a large number of students are using their device in school successfully. To build upon this, TISPC will be allowing students to bring their own device to school. Already in Term 1, this has been used successfully and naturally we would like to continue this in Term 2.

BYOD Allows:

- Student use of devices with which they are comfortable
- Students to take responsibility for the safe-keeping
- use of their own device for meaningful, anytime, anyplace learning

What will the school do?

- provide secure and fast WiFi in every classroom and in common areas
- provide charging facilities and students already have lockers to store their device
- provide devices for checkout should a student device be damaged or fully discharged

Initially, each student will need to register their device with ICT support. This is needed to be able to access the school's WiFi.

Devices

TISPC suggests the device is a laptop like a Chromebook, MacBook, or Windows device

Given the collected experiences of teachers, students and ICT Integrators, your child will likely find that a laptop best meets all the requirements of our curriculum and classroom. The main advantage of a laptop is that it comes equipped with:

- a keyboard, which allows for optimal productivity
- a hard drive, which allows for local storage of files and
- a durable enclosure

Please note that smartphones **are not considered suitable devices** due to screen size, storage limitations, and function restrictions. For older students, it is more appropriate to purchase a Windows or Macbook device, as it can be used in college after they leave TISKL, where a Chromebook will not be as versatile.
All students will be given the necessary help and guidance to set up their device for use in school. However, due to a large number of devices in the school, **maintenance and technical support is the responsibility of the user.**

The use of a personal device in the school is for learning use only and at the teacher's

discretion. Any use of the wireless network entails personal responsibility and compliance with all school rules and policies.

THE BYOD PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

We have read and understood how the BYOD policy will enhance student-centred learning at TIS.
We will work in collaboration with the school as per the agreement below.
The school recommends that parents ensure that devices are fully insured, serial numbers are recorded and where possible tracking/location software is used.

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We agree that students are responsible for the safety, security loss or damage of their device. The school cannot be held responsible for student devices.	
Devices should only be used for learning purposes, as instructed by a teacher.	
Using the device in a way that disrupts the learning of others will not be tolerated.	
Users must power off and put away personal devices if directed to do so by teachers or school administration.	
Users must abide by all TIS school policies when using their own devices.	
Users are responsible for the use of their personal device on the TIS network at all times.	
The school is unable to support any technical issues and/or upgrades of the device.	
Users should practice caution when allowing others to access their personal device.	
All liabilities remain with the user.	
It is expected that students arrive at school with their devices fully charged.	
The use of a device to threaten the sense of security or well-being of others will not be tolerated on or off-campus.	
Failure to adhere to the partnership agreement may result in the student being removed from the BYOD programme.	

Name and Signature of Student _____

Name and Signature of Parent_____