Dear Parent/Guardian,

As a part of the 2017 ICT program at Point Cook Senior Secondary College we are monitoring student use of ICT devices. Data from previous year’s shows us that students who bring a laptop to school each day have better access to ICT based learning experiences which contributes to better educational outcomes.

So far, the majority of students in year ten are utilising a device to their advantage and the engagement of those students has been very positive. While some students have developed strategies to keep up in class without a device, we have found that there is some negative impact. Students who are sharing computers and relying on hard copies of texts to be available have at times been achieved lower than expected outcomes. As the teaching and learning environment at Point Cook Senior is utilising an ICT focus, this impact may be exacerbated over the next 3 years as students advance through years 10, 11 and 12. In addition, students who share machines tend to progress more slowly through assigned tasks when using these strategies and staff find it difficult to differentiate between student work under these circumstances. Due to these difficulties, sharing of computers and provision of text books will only occur where it is essential.

The opportunities and benefits that a 1:1 ICT environment provides includes:

- Access to online resources
- Richer learning activities
- Personalised learning
- Connected and collaborative activities
- Timely and relevant feedback about progress
- Stronger connections between school, the student and home

In order to ensure your child does not miss out on valuable learning opportunities, we are encouraging parents to either engage in the school developed ICT program, including the supply of a laptop, or supply a laptop device from home that can be used to access the school network. Included with this letter is further information on both options and if you have any additional enquiries, please call the Assistant Principal, Shaun Sleep, on 9395 9271.

Sincerely

Shaun Sleep
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