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iPad Initiative - Update

Dear Parent / Guardian

We are writing to inform you of latest developments regarding our 'iPad Initiative'.

St. Colman's College is now in the position where every pupil in the school has online access to the internet via a mobile tablet device throughout the school building:

- Years 8-13 – pupils equipped with iPads
- Years 13/14 – pupils permitted to bring their own device (BYOD)

Your son, who is now in Year 11/13, has had his device for 3 years. The original warranty / insurance on these devices has expired and any damage / malfunction is now longer covered. This will be the responsibility of the parent / guardian to repair. We are happy to advise on this and recommend local businesses who provide repair services.

The view is that this device should last until the end of Year 12 after which, your son will have the opportunity to bring his own device (of any make or model) to school for use in his A-level classes. This is currently the case (with quite a large uptake) among our current Yr 13/14 students.

Having used a digital tablet for several years, and entering into an ever-advancing digital society, we would envisage that your son will naturally want to continue using this media for his studies.

We are not in a position (financially) to offer an iPad replenishment option to current students but, as some parents have suggested, pupils in Yr 11 may use their own iPad device instead of the original model as supplied by the school.

If you have any issues / queries regarding any of these matters you can contact me by telephone (through the school secretary) or by email at kfranklin940@c2kni.net.

Kind regards,

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