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2017 YEAR 7 LAPTOP INFORMATION as of NOVEMBER 2016

Students at McAuley Catholic College are expected to carry a laptop with them to all classes.

Staff are continuing to incorporate digital technologies into the curriculum and teach our students many of the 21st Century learning skills so necessary in today's 'digital age' – skills which go far beyond the use of the internet and search engines and include such things as:

- collaboration
- creativity
- innovation
- critical thinking
- self-directed and personalised learning
- problem solving
- digital citizenship (incorporating digital literacy, digital conduct, digital health and wellbeing and digital footprint)
- life-long learning

This includes the use of Google Drive and the creation of engaging digital content using a range of tools and applications. Students use laptops to access and interact with digital content created by teachers on platforms such as Moodle and Google Classroom. Clearly, familiarity with digital environments is an essential part of the mix of necessary skills for our youth to take into the workforce.

From 2017 all students in Year 7 will be required to purchase a Chromebook via the College website and Somerville portal. These devices will be supported by the College for 3 years in regards to network support, printing, warranty and accidental damage claims.

No other devices will be permitted at this stage.

For more information about our Chromebook scheme (including costs and warranty), please visit the College website.

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