Dear Parents/Guardians

I am pleased to announce that Ormeau Woods State High School will be offering the BYOD (Bring your own device) option in 2014 for students in all year levels

Families have two options:

Firstly families who wish to participate in the program can supply their child with their own electronic device, either a laptop, IPAD, IPAD mini, Windows Tablet, Android Tablet. Basically any device that can connect to a wireless network is able to be used.

Alternatively Year 8 and 9 students have the option of purchasing a 16 GB WI-FI iPad from the school, Year 8 students have the option of purchasing the ipad over two years. $185 in year 8 and $185 in year 9 plus a $37 buy out at the end of year 9. Year 9 students can pay an initial 1 off payment of $370 plus a $37 buy out at the end of year 9.

The chosen device will be linked to Education Queensland's Network and have filtered internet and email. The device will be the student’s own personal responsibility, maintained and supported technically by the student. Technical support will be offered by the school i.e. wireless issues etc.

When using the school's wireless network, the devices will be protected by web filtering via Education Queensland.

We are excited about this initiative as it will allow our students the opportunity to continue their learning inside and outside of the traditional classroom, giving them greater access to information and learning.

Essentially all it would be is internet access so students can access research material and send and receive emails. Students will not be able to connect to our servers or access our extensive software programs available in our ‘Take home Computer program’

Ormeau Woods State High School is committed to enhancing our student’s educational experience therefore we are recommending the BYOD option if you are not participating in the ‘Take home laptop Program’

Regards,

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