



ISCT Technology Levy

The Board of Governors has taken a considered decision to introduce a Technology Levy, commencing from the start of the 2022 Academic year.

Why

Technology has become firmly embedded in the school learning environment and our initial iPad rollout program over the past few years has been a great success. It has proven particularly useful in facilitating continued engagement and instruction over the events of the past two years. These devices facilitate learning in a host of different ways allowing for innovative, creative teaching and learning opportunities that encourage 21st century skills in line with global best practice.

Who

This levy has been targeted by student requirements:

In Early Years, KS1 and Yr3, there will be a bank of iPads available- approximately 1 device per every 2 learners per grade. **Yr4 to Yr9** students will enjoy the use of a dedicated device, with the Technology levy scaling accordingly. **Yr10 to A-Level** students will not pay a levy and we are adopting a mandatory Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) approach for this group, with further information and minimum/ recommended spec requirements attached to this letter.

How

Given our school's direct experience, as well as, learning from other schools' experiences, our approach will be to centrally procure, manage and retain ownership of the devices as a school, with a technology levy system. This will allow us to centrally control procurement and effectively standardize devices through direct bulk purchases and updates. It is important to recognise that by centrally controlling these devices and specs, the school and our teachers can achieve smoother, more effective teaching and learning delivery to students in our classrooms. The established ISCT Acceptable Use Policy will remain in effect for all Students.

How Much

The annual levy is determined primarily by the cost of the device, with related insurance, software updates and support built in. While the school takes on the financing risks involved in direct bulk purchasing, there are substantial cost efficiencies to this approach, which are passed along to parents. The Technology Levy for 2023 will be applied per student as follows:

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	per Annum
Yr4-Yr9 2023 Technology Levy per Student	R4 068
Yr3 2023 Technology Levy per Student	R2 034
Early Years & KS1 2023 Technology Levy per Student	R1 878

Yr10 to A Level Students: Bring Your Own Device (BYOD)

Technology is an integral part of daily life and learning, students from Yr10 and up are required to bring their own laptop to school every day. Having students begin to work on laptops at school allows them to gradually increase their IT skills within an authentic learning environment. IT devices are used to enhance understanding and apply information technology skills in integrated ways. Students will be expected to have their laptop with them when they start school.

Parents should document the serial number and insure the laptop for loss or damage in the unlikely event that there is an issue. We recommend providing a padded case to prevent laptop damage. We also ask that all students bring their own headphones to class. The school does not provide headphones for hygiene reasons.

The laptop can be any brand or model (eg Samsung, Apple, Dell...) as long as it has a battery life that allows it to work through the school day without the need to be recharged. It also needs to have updated antivirus software, a web browser, and acceptable storage in case the student needs to use other applications. If you do not currently have a laptop, and you are planning on purchasing one, we recommend the following specifications:

Laptop specs BYOD Yr10 & above	Minimum Specs	Recommended Specs
CPU	Intel i3 7th Gen or newer	Intel i5 8th Gen or newer
Memory	4GB Ram	8GB Ram
Hard Drive	128GB	256GB SSD
Battery	6 Hour battery life	8 Hour Battery life
Screen Size	13" Screen	14" screen
Resolution	1366 x 768	1920 x 1080

Operating System: Microsoft Windows 10 with all security updates; must be in English



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Mandatory AntiVirus program, such as
Symantec, Trend Micro, Avira, McAfee,
Malwarebytes, Sophos, Bitdefender

Thank you once again for supporting your child in their education as they learn how to learn
in a digitally connected world.

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