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Mt Hira College 1 to 1 Laptop Program for Years 7-10

As-Salaamu Alaykum & Greetings!

Dear Parents/Carers & Students,

Mt Hira College continues to make impressive advancements in its facilities and programs year by year alhamdulillah.

I am very pleased to announce the implementation of a **1 to 1 Laptop Program for Years 7-10** at our College, commencing this academic year. Most schools require their students to purchase their own laptops as part of what is called a 'Bring Your Own Device' (BYOD) program. However, due to Mt Hira College's commitment to quality, consistency, equity, and equal access for all students, we have invested significantly in this program to enable us to loan every student in Years 7-10 a quality laptop free of charge. However, to ensure the success of this program, our parents/carers and students are expected to make a firm commitment to protect and preserve these laptops and to ensure the laptops are used appropriately at all times.

Our College is committed to using educational technology to improve the learning experiences and achievements of all our students. The use of laptops provides the College with opportunities to inspire and motivate students to achieve their full potential, develop key technological literacies and promote student engagement. The College believes that the 1 to 1 laptop program will enhance everyday learning and teaching and in particular will:

➢ Improve student learning outcomes and results
➢ Create a student-centred curriculum and engaging student-centred lessons
➢ Enable students access to the most up to date educational resources
➢ Raise levels of engagement, motivation and interaction
➢ Improve the ability of teachers to cater for different learning styles in their lessons
➢ Improve student independence

Students will use laptops in a manner consistent with the established learning and teaching objectives of Mt Hira College and will do so in accordance with a set of agreed upon requirements, by way of a signed care and usage agreement (agreement booklet attached).

Students will NOT be issued their College-loaned laptop until the following two conditions have been met:

1. Parents/carers and students must **sign and return** the **Laptop Participant Agreement Booklet** to the **Front Office**. A photocopy of the signed agreement will be provided for your records.
2. Parents/carers must purchase the **compulsory protective laptop case** for $25 from the **Front Office** (**available from Monday, Week 1 of Term 1**).

Compulsory Protective Case for all College Laptops –

Brand: Everki 14.1" Advance Compact Briefcase

Description:
- 330mmx440mmx70mm
- Slim profile and light weight
- Dedicated 14.1-inch laptop compartment
- Separate zippered accessory compartment
- Ergonomic two-way adjustable shoulder strap
- Front stash pocket
- Trolley handle pass-through
- High-contrast lining

Cost of compulsory case: $25.00 each.

Where to pay & collect the case: Mt Hira College Front Office. Payment can be made through the Front Office by phone (03-9709 0100) or in-person or by using the Qkr! App. The receipt must be shown for bag collection.

Once parents/carers or students have returned their signed **Laptop Participant Agreement Booklet** and purchased the **specified compulsory protective laptop case** from the Front Office, **the laptops will be distributed to all eligible students in their Form Class** (date to be advised).

All laptops are issued with the **students' names** on them (via a sticker label – do not remove) and the specific **laptop serial number** and **laptop condition** will be recorded on our system.

I trust our parents/carers and students are as thrilled and excited as I am at this wonderful news.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support, commitment and the trust you have placed in us with the education and care of your child.

Kind regards,

Dr Toni Pikos-Sallie
College Principal