



### **mConnect 1:1 Program for Years 9 – 12**

Dear Parents / Guardians of Year 9-12 Students

Our 1:1 Computer Program is an integral part of student learning across the curriculum. All subjects are reliant on students having easy access to technology to support contemporary teaching and learning practices, such as:

- Personalisation and differentiation of learning
- Collaborative team work with students within and beyond M.G.S.C.
- Anywhere, anytime learning – both at school and at home
- Access to multi-media resources and interactive texts, such as the Jacaranda *Digital Bundle* and *Education Perfect*
- Online access to resources, online submission of work and customised assessment strategies.
- Project-based work, such as the “My Migrant Story” project in the Year 9 program

The mConnect 1:1 Program at MGSC has been developed as a dual device program, allowing for students to use two devices over their six years at secondary school. The iPad is a great tool to support learning in the upper primary school and junior secondary, whilst a MacBook or netbook is the preferred device in middle and senior secondary years. MacBooks are an extension of the iOS iPad environment in Years 7-8, whilst Windows touchscreen netbooks provide a combined computer and tablet experience.

Our goal is to provide families with flexibility in terms of when to move to the Senior Laptop Program and with choice of their preferred platform.

#### **In Year 9, your daughter can:**

1. Retain her existing iPad (Not for new students and new iPads are not required)
2. Move to a B.Y.O. MacBook
3. Move to a B.Y.O. Windows netbook (maximum screen size of 14”).

Considerations for families include:

- The age and condition of your daughter’s current iPad
- The cost of a new MacBook or netbook
- Your daughter’s preferred device for Year 9 and subsequent Years 10-12

**Moving to the B.Y.O. Laptop Program can occur at the start of Year 9, during Year 9 or at the start of Year 10. (There is no requirement for students to change to a laptop for the Year 9 Headstart Program.)**

**In Year 10, all students should have moved to a MacBook or netbook device.**

Please refer to the “mConnect Device Options” document for information to assist you in selecting an approved and appropriate device for your daughter’s senior years at the College.

For any questions regarding our 1:1 mConnect program, please contact Jonathan Hall on 9581 5238 or via [hall.jonathan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:hall.jonathan.m@edumail.vic.gov.au) .

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