

Dear Parents/Carers

**Re: 2017 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program**

The College operates a BYOD program – an initiative for students in Years 7 – 12 that would allow us to integrate technology into the curriculum more fully. Students in Years 7 -10 will be encouraged to bring an iPad (preferred) or laptop for use at school on a daily basis, to engage with the College curriculum. Students in Years 11 and 12 would benefit more by using a laptop rather than an iPad.

**Rationale**

The College recognises that engagement with up-to-date technology for learning is essential. It forms a vital part of a high quality and relevant education in the 21<sup>st</sup> century for our students. We believe that students should ideally be able to access digital information, tools and resources from anywhere, at any time as they learn – in ways that lead to greater engagement and understanding. Students from Years 7 – 10 are accessing a number of their texts as eTextbooks through the LearningField App. Additionally, the Library has an increasing range of eBooks available for borrowing.

While we want our students to be highly skilled in the use of technology, we realise that to truly educate our students, we must develop a culture that provides a framework within a Christian worldview around acceptable and appropriate use of technology.

At Caloundra Christian College this involves nurturing young people who:

- use technology in an acceptable and responsible manner;
- are discerning; and
- have an ability to shape and influence the future use of technology in our society.

For the purpose of the BYOD program, the following specifications are recommended:

- Minimum 32GB of either full sized iPad (Gen4 or greater) or iPad Mini with Retina display. [Second hand is also an option] or laptop. WiFi only version (to avoid data charges and to maintain security handled by our network).
- Rugged case and screen cover to protect your investment.
- **Personal insurance is highly recommended, as repairs can be costly.**
- A list of apps required for the iPad is attached to this letter.

If you have any concerns regarding a BYOD device, please contact the College's Business Manager to discuss options that may assist you in this matter.

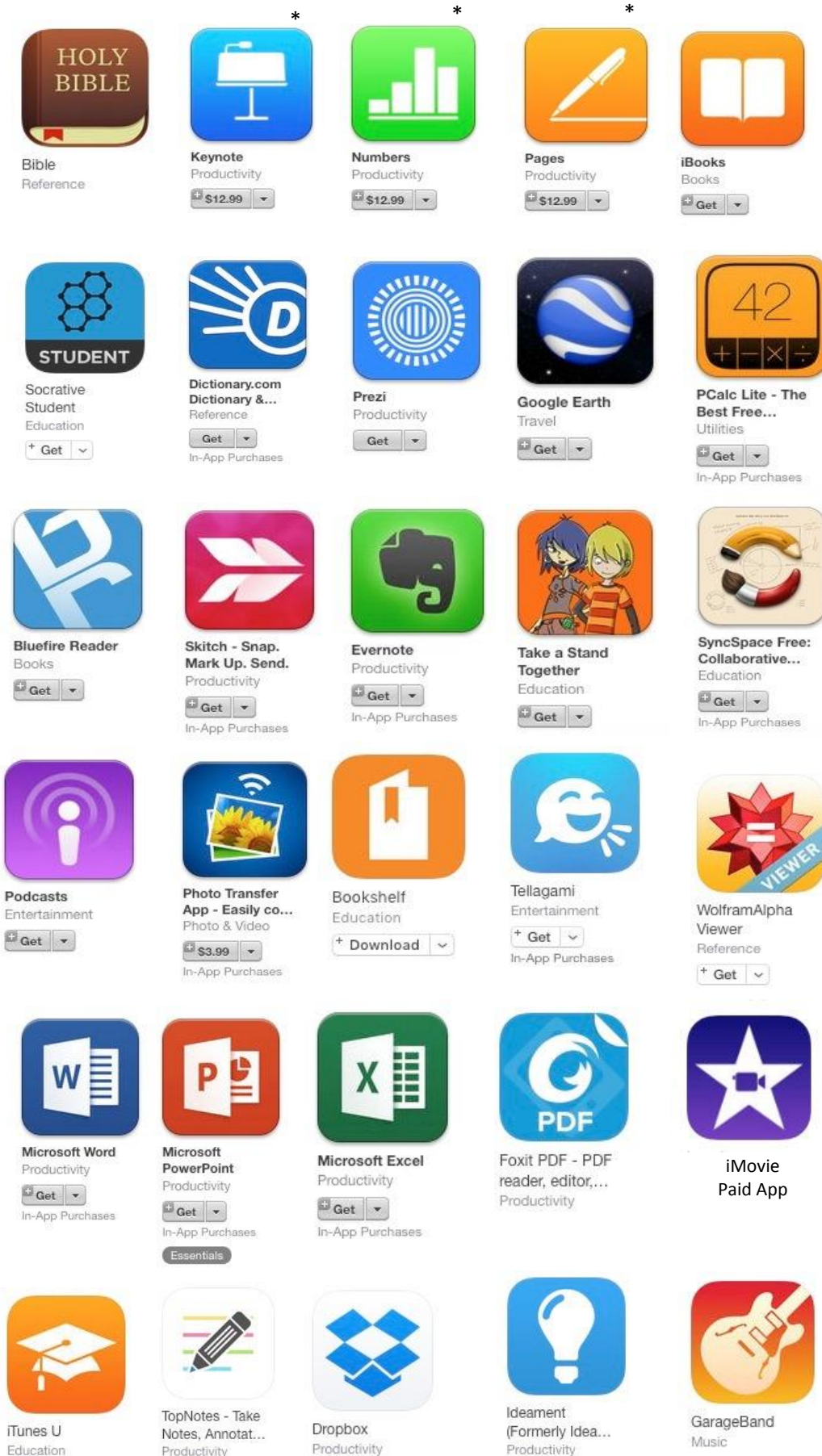
For further information please contact the College on 5436 6777.

Yours sincerely

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Principal

# REQUIRED APPS

(The bulk of which are free)



**Please Note:** Papercut Printing App to be installed at School. Instructions can be found in the Library.

\* FREE WITH NEW PURCHASE

\*\* PLEASE NOTE APP PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT CHANGE