

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Will they be safe on the Internet?

We know that the digital world can be a wonderful place for learning but the huge amount of information and the speed of change means we can't rely on knowing all there is to know....we need to be focused on how to find out. With the class programs there are a large variety of protocols the teacher will use to keep students focused on the specific tasks at hand. The expectation of placing a screen to be seen, filters in place for many sites, and a range of monitoring tools in the system add to safe classroom practice at the College.

What about logons?

Protecting your identity and the use of your machine is important and students will be instructed how to build on the great skills they have already been using to secure their passwords and good practice guides for not sharing password information.

What about roaming when they aren't with a teacher?

We recommend that devices brought to the College cannot access any 3G connection as students will not be permitted to use the 3G while at school. At home the home connection can be used but at school the College WiFi will meet all searching needs and provide filtering and monitoring. Lunch and recess will be denoted as "technology free" times to encourage students to be physically active and socialise during breaks from classes.

What about lock up at the College?

All students will be provided with a locker free of charge.

Will it be safe in the bag?

We recommend that each device has its own cover and is carried inside school bags, remaining out of sight for all travel to and from the College.

Will there be no more writing?

We are keen to support our learning with new opportunities wherever we can, but fully intend to support learning with reading from books and writing with pens as well. We are aware that the world is changing and we want to support our students to embrace change with support and guidance, however tests and exams are generally "pen & paper" assessments.

What IT support will there be?

In order to build good digital skills, teachers will assist students in the development of their own trouble shooting skills. There will be a limited amount of support at the College for initial “trouble shooting”. For the College to upgrade campus wide software, or to trouble shoot an issue for a particular student, students will need to have local administrative privileges on their device. The parental control’s inbuilt in Windows 8 do not allow students to have local administrative privileges, however other monitoring software such as netnanny will permit students to have the local administrative privileges whilst still providing parents secure monitoring of the device.

Will there be computer homework?

Work done at home can be saved and then accessed at school by using the SEQTA Learn and OneDrive facilities provided. By having access available 24 hours a day, the ‘wait until I get back to school’ or ‘I left it at school’ will not be an excuse. However although homework, class work and even shared projects will become more ‘digital’ in delivery and presentation, subjects may still require textbooks and workbooks, and assignments may still require a hardcopy to be submitted.

Will Macs with dual platforms be permitted?

It is possible to operate Windows running on a dual platform Mac. This is achieved by ‘bootcamping’ your hard drive. Perhaps the only difficulty is that if an issue does arise (e.g. between how the Mac is responding to Windows or how it is configured) the College may not be able to trouble shoot or resolve the issue.

Does the College recommend a particular retail outlet or a particular brand of device?

The College does not recommend a particular retail store or brand for families to use. However there are two companies that are keen to provide a service to families whereby the device bought is at an educational standard (more robust device), and appropriate insurance and warranties are inbuilt to the price. In addition if a breakdown was to occur they will pick up the device from the College to repair it. There are two online portals to consider:

Winthrop Australia: <https://portal.winaust.com.au/a/kingsway>

JB Education solutions: <http://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod> (Code to logon is KCC2016)

Enquiries

An email address has been set up at the College for parents to use for matters pertaining specifically to the One to One Programme. The email address is 1to1@kcc.wa.edu.au