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STUDENT TABLET COMPUTERS FOR YEAR 7, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the Whitefriars College Tablet Computer Program. The primary aim of the program is to improve the quality of student learning. The program provides students with the tools and the strategies that enable them to develop a range of skills that are increasingly important in today’s rapidly changing world. These include the skills to quickly find, critically sift, check and analyse a wide variety of sources of information, to share and critique ideas (and have their own ideas critiqued by others, near and far), to create and refine, and to present their ideas clearly, effectively and efficiently, in a variety of ways appropriate for different audiences. The tablet computer, skillfully used, enables all this and more - it is the student’s own portable learning and communication tool that can facilitate learning anytime, anywhere.

The Whitefriars Tablet Program involves the loan of a tablet computer to each student as part of the All-Inclusive College Fee. The College has selected the Samsung Series 7 ATIV Pro tablet computer for Year 7 2013, details of which are enclosed.

Payment of the All-Inclusive Fee will allow your son to have exclusive use of a tablet computer for the next three years, complete with appropriate software, servicing and support. Computers provided by the College are covered by 3-year warranty and insurance. However, an excess of $250 will apply to each insurance claim and you will be asked to pay this excess on any insurance claim associated with the computer that is lent to your son. Please note the enclosed Terms and Conditions for students and families borrowing a College tablet.

Please complete, sign and return the enclosed ‘Application to Borrow a College Tablet Computer’ to the college, by Friday 23 November 2012.

The new tablet computers will be distributed to students during the week commencing Monday 4 February 2013. Details of arrangements for this will be provided to your son on Orientation Day which is on Tuesday 4 December 2012. Further details about the Notebook Program are available on the College Intranet at http://intranet.whitefriars.vic.edu.au/programs/notebooks.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal