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Dear Parents,

This letter provides updated information to help you ensure your child is prepared for digital learning at Aitken College for the start of 2025. Please read it carefully.

We will continue using iPads as the primary school's main technical device for students. iPads have a wide range of age-appropriate apps to allow students to explore and engage with digital content while providing them with tools to share their learning in innovative and creative ways. Their portability and durability also make them ideal for the primary classroom environment, where students benefit from quick access to resources and ease of handling.

To ensure that students are fully prepared, please review the iPad requirements and associated items below:

**Specifications and Recommended Accessories:**

- **iPad Model:** Minimum 10-inch screen.
- **Connectivity:** WiFi only is recommended, to prevent access to unsupervised internet sites during school hours.
- **Storage Capacity:** 64GB minimum; 128GB or 256GB recommended for longer usability.
- **Operating System:** iOS17 or later.
- **Cover:** A robust cover (such as STM Dux or Otterbox Defender) that protects the screen and sides. Expect to pay at least \$80 for a reliable case.
- **Earphones:** Compatible, corded earphones preferred as they are easy to keep at school.
- **Optional Accessories:** Apple Pencil and Bluetooth keyboard.

Please ensure that your child's iPad is in excellent working condition. Devices with broken screens or frequent issues are not suitable for school use. Additionally, iPad Minis are not allowed, as they are incompatible with required assessments such as NAPLAN.

We recommend securing your child's iPad as early as possible, as popular models may become limited in stock at the end of the year. For a convenient purchasing option, JB Hi-Fi Education offers a selection of suitable iPads and accessories with a small price reduction, details of which are available in the accompanying brochure.

I have provided you with an updated Apps Booklet at the beginning of the school year, specifying all required apps for 2025. Most additional apps required throughout the year will be free of charge.

Remote digital onboarding will be available in January 2025 to set up essential apps and network connections. Detailed information will be sent out closer to the start of Term 1, with technical support available as needed.  
If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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