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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We would like to thank you for your support and endorsement of the 1:1 Computer Program in 2016. Since our last communication in Term Three, the Department of Education and Training [DET] have made a number of policy changes which will affect the implementation of this program in its current form, but not affect the establishment of the 1:1 Program at Patterson Lakes Primary School.

Based on these DET policy changes, we are investigating the prospect of establishing a Virtual Desktop Server for the school. This will mean that students will be able to bring a variety of devices, providing they meet the minimum specifications, to access the 1:1 Program. Although this may seem like a setback, it is in fact a better option for students, staff and families that may already own a device, or wish to consider other options when purchasing a device.

For those families who have contributed funds to the Learning with Technologies Portal, all monies will be refunded via direct deposit to your nominated bank account, sent from Patterson Lakes Primary School. The Learning with Technologies Portal is now closed. For those families who have contributed funds to the portal please email the following details to Monique Hunt at the school office to arrange your refund. hunt.monique.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

- Name of Contributor
- Contact phone
- Student Name
- Bank Account Name / BSB / Account Number

The school continues to recommend the Lenovo Yoga product, and as such, have negotiated a school price via JB HiFi for parents. An alternative device is also available from JB HiFi online, the Acer B115 at a price of \$562 including 3 year onsite warranty. Please see the attached form for further details of how to order these products.

Alternatively, you may wish to supply your child with a comparable device that meets the minimum specifications as detailed on the following page. Should you need support with this please email Leanne Walker walker.leanne.l@edumail.vic.gov.au.

It is projected that the 1:1 Program will be completed and ready for access at the commencement of Term 2, 2016. An information session will be held early in Term 1 to assist parents/guardians with any questions or concerns that they may have.

The Patterson Lakes Primary School Council and Staff would like to apologise for any inconvenience that this has caused families.

Yours sincerely,

Stan Szuty
Principal