



## **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### **Y3 – Y6 2018**

#### **Resource Levy**

At Kilvington, we are committed to the ongoing improvement of educational practice. To this end, there has been a whole school focus on the development of a differentiated approach to learning. This means that when we plan and teach, we consider students' abilities, interests and learning needs.

Because of this focus on differentiated learning, the Junior School does not have booklists as such. Instead, each parent pays a resource levy that is approximately the same amount as they would expect to pay when purchasing items on a resource list. On your behalf, the School then purchases all supplies such as exercise books, coloured pencils, glue sticks, apps, software and so on. In addition, the levy is used to buy educational resources for the children that will add to the breadth and quality of the educational program and allow for differentiation within the classroom.

What does this mean for parents? With the exception of an iPad for students in Years 3-6, it means there is no need to bring supplies at the start of the school year. Each child will be given their supplies when they arrive on the first day of school. The only item your child will need to bring is a pencil case.

#### **Combination Padlocks for Lockers**

Students from Years 3 - 6 are allocated classroom storage facilities, which includes a lockable compartment for an iPad and other valuable items. To ensure a minimum of inconvenience to parents and to ease issues for students with lost keys or forgotten combinations, Kilvington will supply a special combination lock to each student at these year levels.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.



## Bring your own device (BYOD) Program

The primary device for students will be an iPad. This iPad needs to be purchased by parents and we recommend doing this through our School supplier - Datacom. It is important that the iPad is covered by insurance to ensure any damage can be repaired over the life of the iPad.

Parents are encouraged to use the iTunes family sharing option for their students while they are under 13 years of age. This enables parents to approve all app purchases.

A \$50 iTunes card is required at the beginning of the school year to pay for the apps needed for all subjects.

## Ordering of Devices

Ordering of devices can be done directly with Datacom at the following website, [www.myschoolshop-nsw.datacom.com.au/kilvingtongrammar](http://www.myschoolshop-nsw.datacom.com.au/kilvingtongrammar).

All BYOD details will be available at [www.kilvington.vic.edu.au/kilvington/technology-at-kilvington](http://www.kilvington.vic.edu.au/kilvington/technology-at-kilvington) once the Datacom store opens on the 9 October, 2017. Orders will need to be placed by 10 November, 2017 to secure the prices listed online.

It is important that parents note that Kilvington's IT infrastructure runs on a Windows platform and all the laptops will be configured with Windows 10 OS including Apple laptops. Bootcamp software is used to install Windows on Apple laptops. This does impact the performance of the MacBook, therefore, we encourage you to choose a Windows device.

If you choose not to order devices through Datacom, please contact the IT Department to ensure you purchase a device that can function on the School network. The IT Department will need to configure devices not purchased via Datacom and this will incur a charge of \$200.00 per device. Please also consider purchases not made through Datacom will be difficult for the IT Department to assist with warranty and repair issues and may therefore impact your student's learning opportunities.