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Dear Parents/Guardians

### **CAS Calculator Information (Y9 – Y12)**

For Year 9 Mathematics your child will require a TI-Nspire CX II CAS calculator. This calculator is an essential tool in Mathematics and will be used in **all** Year 9 to Year 12 mathematical subjects. On Monday 25 November 2019, Year 8 students and Year 7 Accelerated students will start the Year 9 course, therefore, your child will need a TI-Nspire CX II CAS calculator by that date.

The TI-Nspire CX II CAS calculator is available from Haines Educational. They sell them to Kilvington students for \$215 and you also receive a calculator wallet, extended 3-year warranty and free delivery. The other advantage of purchasing from Haines is that Kilvington can receive complimentary products through their volume purchase program, especially if they are purchased by 31 December.

The TI-Nspire CX II CAS calculator only has a rechargeable battery, so you will also need to buy a USB power adaptor, which Haines sells to Kilvington students for \$5.50.

Please note that an iPad app cannot be used in place of this calculator because the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) only permit handheld calculators in VCE examinations. We start using the CAS calculator in Year 9 so that students become familiar with many of the calculator's functions and to spread the cost of the calculator over four years.

Please make sure your child's TI-Nspire CX CAS calculator is clearly named and fully charged by Monday 25 November.

To purchase from Haines, follow the steps below:

1. Go to [www.schoolcalcs.com.au](http://www.schoolcalcs.com.au) and enter the code kgs.
2. Select your required calculator bundle, enter your student's details and delivery address, and pay by VISA or MasterCard.
3. The calculator will be delivered to your given address within two weeks of placing your order.
4. Keep your receipt in a safe place in case there are any calculator issues over the next three years.

If you have any other queries regarding the calculator then please contact Katarina from Haines on 8736 6000, or Helen Cole on 9578 6231 or [coleh@kilvington.vic.edu.au](mailto:coleh@kilvington.vic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

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