



Notebook Computers Information for JPC Parents

Students of John Paul College will demonstrate increasing mastery in their ability to learn about, and to apply, information and learning technologies to increase the quality of their endeavours in all areas of the curriculum, and in their daily lives through our connected learning community.

A relevant education

The Challenge

We live in a rapidly changing 21st Century. The exponential growth of information, together with the development of information and learning technologies which facilitate the storage of, access to, communication of, and use of information to create knowledge, has made a significant impact on our daily lives.

We believe we have a responsibility to prepare our students for lifelong learning and to be effective in the new world of digital knowledge.

Assumption 1: The Digital World

If a person is to participate fully in, contribute to, and influence the future of his or her world, he or she must be empowered with the capacity to develop and communicate ideas through the media of his or her time.

Our Response

All students from Year 4 to Year 12 are required to have the recommended notebook computer with specified software.

With access to a portable computer, these students have a connected tool that enables them to access, create and synthesise knowledge anywhere, anytime, on campus or at home.

Our Approach

Our students work with digital media comfortably and capably. The College provides:

- a curriculum which completely integrates the purposeful use of notebook computers;
 - access to College-based digital content and external media rich databases, information services, and the Internet. (The notebook computer is the students' interface with the digital world);
 - additional hardware (such as printers, scanners, digital cameras etc.) to extend the capabilities of the students and their computers; and,
 - access to the John Paul College connected learning community through a wireless network on campus and the Internet from home.
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Assumption 2: Quality Learning

Information and learning technologies enable the facilitation of learning experiences that could not be provided in any other way.

Our Approach

Together with teaching expertise and continual professional development, the notebook computer can mediate quality learning environments and experiences. The College:

- selects educationally sound software to facilitate educational goals;
 - recognises occasions when learning about, with, or through technology will enhance the learning experience; and,
 - views the notebook computer as a personal tool, with which the learner can explore, reflect upon, and express ideas.
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The notebook computer is not the teacher's tool through which information is poured, but the learner's tool with which knowledge is sought.

Stephen Paul
Headmaster

Managing the Notebook Computer

Accessing a Notebook Computer

John Paul College has undertaken thorough research in order to identify the notebook computer which enables the College to upgrade as technology develops. Not only have we selected a product based on educational needs, financial considerations and the logistics of student usage, but we have also developed an affordable program that encompasses comprehensive maintenance and insurance.

Before the commencement of the new school year, the College will provide a computer familiarisation training session covering basic care and management of the notebook computer.

Day to Day Matters

As you can imagine, the organisation of over 2200 notebook computers that we have on campus requires an efficient and effective infrastructure be in place. Tremendous support is afforded to students, staff and parents.

The College employs specialist teaching staff to assist in facilitating the effective and meaningful use of notebook computers for teaching and learning.

Your son / daughter will :

- be provided with secure storage facilities at school;
 - be responsible for general care of the computer and routine maintenance [eg. charging batteries];
 - require their notebook at school on a daily basis; and,
 - be responsible for backing up their own data.
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Technical Support

To maintain user confidence in the technology, and to ensure our students gain maximum advantage from their notebook computers without worrying about technical intricacies, Techsphere provides a convenient service to students and parents to assist in technical issues and maintenance.

Techsphere will:

- provide information pertaining to notebook care and maintenance [eg. virus protection, correct Windows set-up];
 - provide students with a 'loan computer' [when available and if the repair will take longer than usual]; and
 - repair notebook computers that are faulty or are accidentally damaged, and organise the associated warranty or insurance claim.
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