



6th June 2019

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s),

As you may be aware, two years ago we introduced the requirement that all students had to have a Bring Your Own Device as part of their required equipment and this could be as simple as a Smart Phone for Remove to Upper Five (tablet for Sixth Form). This has been used regularly and to good effect in lessons for research, accessing work on Office365, various learning apps and for photographing/videoing items. Since the start of the year we have changed the recommended device on the website to a tablet device and have asked you to hold off on buying new devices until this term.

We now wish to invite you to attend a presentation on The Ladies' College Digital Strategy and the changes you can expect to see over the next few years. This includes:

The introduction of a required, managed device for all students of either a Microsoft Go or Surface Pro with keyboard starting with our new Remove (Year 7) in September of this year and a rolling program for all students by September 2021.

- An opportunity to see these two devices and understand how they will be used.
- An explanation about what you can expect from a managed device, including the rationale and what access the College has to information on the device.
- How to purchase the devices, the options and costs.
- An overview of the changes taking place in the College as part of our Digital Strategy.
- The introduction of two new applications for parents that will increase security and improve the way you interact with the College as we move away from email attachments; ParentHub (replaces the Group Call application previously used for communications) and CareMonkey (for forms and offsite visits).
- The educational programme that we deliver to your daughters to enable them to use their devices safely and develop the skills required to take their place in the society of the future.

The presentations will take place on **Wednesday 19th June at either 1700 – 1800 or 1900 - 2000**. There will also be an opportunity for you to have assistance in setting up the ParentHub app or for help accessing the Parent Portal with our Network Manager (Mrs Janine Le Cras, please refer to www.ladiescollege.com in the first instance for help) or to raise any queries regarding E-Safety with our E-Safety Officer and Head of IT (Mr Paul Beasley). Shortly afterwards, a summary of the presentation will be available and sent to all parents. There will be a further opportunity to hear the presentation next academic year and updates will be provided through our website <https://www.ladiescollege.com/information/bring-your-own-device> and at various times throughout the year.

I hope you are able to attend one of these presentations.

Yours sincerely,

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