

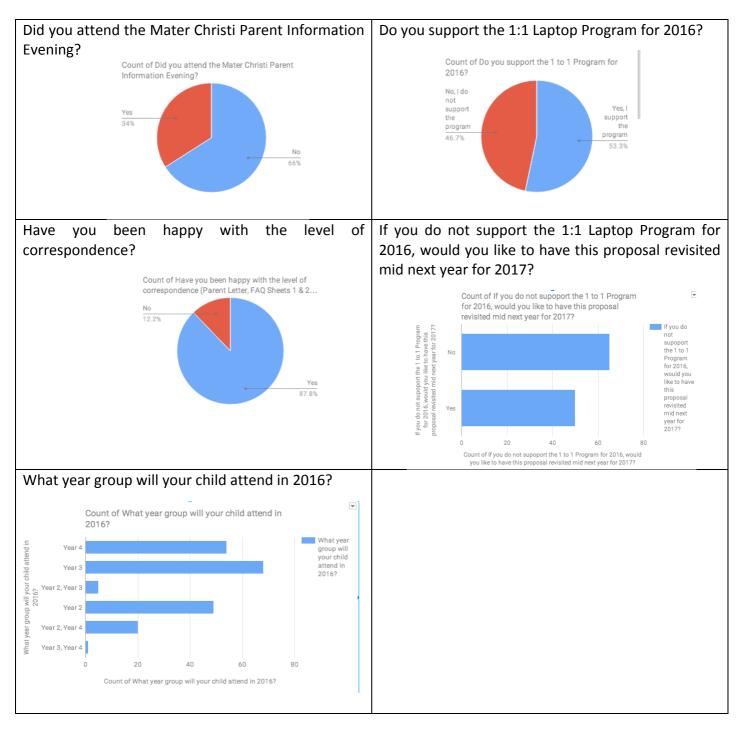
Mater Christi Catholic Primary School

9 December 2015

Dear Parents

Re: Mater Christi Catholic Primary School – 1:1 Laptop Program

Following a Parent Information Session for all our Year One to Three parents; Frequently Asked Questions (Sheets 1 & 2) and further information provided on the School website – Communication – Latest News, a Year One to Three parent Survey was conducted where the following questions were asked and the results to the questions were collated.



Following the information provided in the survey, it is clear that the consensus is approximately 50% YES, 50% NO, therefore the program will not go ahead for 2016 or at this point in time will be revisited next year.

I would like to thank the 198 parents from Years One to Three who completed the survey (there were a few double ups but these actually equalised each other). This was an impressive response.

I would also like to thank the staff, particularly Geordie Thuijs and Nicole Cloutt for their presentation on the night, the many hours they spent in researching, publishing support documents, responding to issues and analysing the data as well as collating all of the written responses, which gives us great food for thought. Thank you to the many of you who acknowledged their work throughout this process and especially in your feedback as part of the survey.

A special thankyou to Mr Daniel Franco who also spoke on the night and gave a very thought filled presentation to all who attended. Many of you commented how you enjoyed his talk and found him to be informative, knowledgeable and a very interesting speaker.

Great teaching and learning continue to be the focus at Mater Christi. Next year, the following initiatives which were part of the Program Proposal will still go ahead and I hope that you will be able to attend these to support your knowledge about ICT, its use throughout our curriculum as a learning tool and how best all of us can support our young people to be creative and critical problem solvers and thinkers.

- 1. Student, Staff, Parent Workshop with OT on posture and device usage.
- 2. Student, Staff, Parent Workshop on Cyber Safety.
- 3. Parent IT Workshop to become familiar with Apple technology and programs.
- 4. ICT Acceptable Use Policy a Committee will be formed with input from two parents representing you the parents, two members from the Student Representative Council (SRC) and a cross section of staff.

Finally, this Program Initiative has been a 'hot' topic within our community and has provided opportunities for many parents to engage in conversation about their children's learning, with each other, the staff and on social media. Thank you for engaging with us and I look forward to more 'hot' topics in the future.

Yours sincerely

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