BYOD—Bring Your Own Device

As you would know the Digital Education Revolution funding has finished. Schools will no longer be provided with laptop devices for students in years 9 to 12. This year we kept our allocation of laptops to form pods around the school to enable continued high levels of access to technology for students. At the commencement of 2014 we will be moving to a complete Bring Your Own Device Environment (BYOD). Our school website now contains a section to assist parents with BYOD. This link can be used to access this page:


The Department of Education and Communities is still in the process of finalising the BYOD policy so we have published our own draft policy and welcome any feedback from you. This document may be quite a fluid document up until the final publication of the department’s policy. A brief summary of the key points of the policy are as follows:

- Students and parents must sign the Agreement for Student Use of Computers, Mobile of Electronic Devices in order to bring a mobile or electronic device to school.
- Students are to use these devices responsibly at all times at school and follow the school Code of Conduct and Core Rules as well as ‘The Leichhardt Way’ ie be respectful and responsible learners at all times.
- Devices are to be on silent at all times during lessons unless teachers direct otherwise.
- Use of devices during class time is solely at teacher discretion. Students must follow teachers’ instructions and not interrupt their own or others’ learning.
- Teachers may choose to insist all students place their devices face down on their desks
- Misuse of a device may result in confiscation. The device will be available for collection at the end of the day.
- No student is to record conversations or capture photographs, video or audio of others, including lessons, without the knowledge and permission of the teacher or those involved. Failing to adhere to this rule may result in suspension and the matter may be referred to police.
Devices must not be used to bully, intimidate, harass others through SMS or text messaging or through photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the device. Failing to adhere to this rule may result in suspension and the matter may be referred to police.

Devices must not be used to download or otherwise access inappropriate material on the internet such as child abuse or pornographic or other offensive material.

Devices must not be used to film fights or other criminal behaviour involving students that occur at school, during school activities or while on the way to or from school.

Devices must not be used in a way that threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person or for any use that is in breach of any law.

Students who bring devices to school must take responsibility for them. Staff take no responsibility for such devices and it is not possible for them to carry out lengthy investigations if a device goes missing. Students who persistently misuse a device may have their privilege of bringing it to school removed.

It is intended that the devices brought to school by our students will be utilised as tools to enhance their learning experience. They should be seamlessly integrated into the learning environment and allow students to be curious and seek answers, collaborate and design together, solve authentic, real world problems. The acquisition of these valuable lifelong skills and habits will not develop in a sterile uniform environment where students are asked simply to be compliant. We challenge our students to become life long learners who are creative and resilient. So there is no one size fits all policy or approach from us. For some the weight to be carried around all day will be the most important consideration. For others it will be familiarity with the platform or affordability or durability. All of these will need to be taken into account and the device you choose should best suit the needs of your child. We will be able to provide access at school to students whose families are not able or choose not to supply a device for use at school. This is not a compulsory program but we will endeavour to support any family with genuine financial hardship by ensuring their child has access to a device at school. Please feel free to contact us to discuss this further at any time.

BYOD is a very exciting time—it will take us all some time to get used to it and I am sure there will be teething problems BUT we are ALL lifelong learners so we will get there!
BYOD Device Requirements Checklist

**Wireless Connectivity**

Wireless Connectivity is key to BYOD devices in schools! Devices must support 5Ghz dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n (Make sure it supports both 'a' and 'n').

**Operating System**

To ensure the latest programs and software are compatible, we recommend the current or previous version of any operating system. E.g. iOS 6 & 5 for iPads/iPads

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**Battery Life**

Minimum 5hrs

Devices need to last the school day, we recommend a minimum of 5hrs battery life.

**Memory and RAM**

16 GB Storage 2 GB RAM

To be able to store and process data effectively these minimum specifications are recommended.

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**Hardware Features**

**Camera & Microphone**

These are necessary to ensure students can participate in 21st century learning activities, a stylus or keyboard may also be useful.

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**Screen Size**

**Reasonable Size**

Ensure the screen is of a reasonable size to enable ease of use throughout a school day.

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**Other essential considerations**

**Casing:** Needs to be tough and sturdy, can it be dropped without breaking?

**Weight:** Is the laptop light enough for your child to carry each day?

**Durability:** Consider the overall durability of the device, are the keys and inputs sturdy

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**Look for a tough and thick outer shell**

**Remember this device is expected to last several years**

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**Accessories**

**Carry Case:** A carry case or skin is essential in protecting your device and can provide ergonomic advantages

**Insurance:** Devices can become lost or be broken easily at school, make sure your policy covers these eventualities

**Warranty:** Make sure you consider purchasing extra warranty to reduce future repair costs as these devices will be used extensively.
DOES YOUR CHILD NEED A TAX FILE NUMBER?
APPLY THROUGH THE CAREERS ADVISER

Applying for a TFN is easier because students do not need to show identifying documentation to the ATO. The application form is available from the school front office or from the career adviser and students can complete it at home. Students must be 13 years and over to apply. The form requires information such as students name, address and date of birth. Students will also be required to provide birth certificate number or Australian passport number, students born overseas will need to provide their overseas passport number and country of issue or Australian citizenship certificate number and date of issue.

It is important that the application form is fully completed and signed by the student. All information provided on the form will remain confidential.

Students will receive their TFN via a notification letter sent to their postal address, within 28 days of the application being received by the ATO.

The careers adviser processes forms at the end of each week.

YR 10 EXPERIENCE TVET

Congratulations to Daniela Chilas, Abigail Delaney, Shayla Culhane Mosen and Courtney Loveridge for successfully completing a TVET in hair and make up course and to Mayendra Sadri, Fady Selim and Gabriel Sepulveda who also completed a TVET course in Electrotechnology.

Yr 10 students were offered the opportunity of studying a TAFE course at Sydney institute whilst at school. There were seven students who took up this offer had have now successfully completed 2 units that have gone towards their higher school certificate.

I thoroughly enjoyed these courses; I learnt so much and got along with all the students in the class. The teachers made work fun and so enjoyable, but we still learnt and absorbed all the information given – Daniela

What I really enjoyed about the course was learning how to put false eye lashes on and how to apply makeup. This has helped and prepared me for when I go to apply for part time work. I would highly recommend TAFE to anyone thinking about studying to become a make up artist. – Abigail

IMP REPORT

There are only a few more opportunities left to hear our fantastic music students perform this year and we’d love to have you in the audience at one of our upcoming events.

Our fabulous Jazz Orchestra will get the audience in the mood for the Schools Spectacular when they play in the foyer for this huge event on Saturday 30 November. They will be performing at 1.15pm and 3pm in the foyer of the Entertainment Centre and you can listen to them even if you don’t have tickets to the show. If you’re going to see the show, make sure you come and hear the band before and during the interval! Tickets to the inside show are available now from Ticketmaster.

Jazz on the Bay is a new outdoor concert held by the SSC IMP on the waterfront at Blackwattle Bay Campus featuring our Jazz Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble. They will play alongside the Sydney Region Jazz Camp ensembles by the water on a sunny afternoon on Sunday 8 December from 3pm-4.30pm. Bring a yummy picnic and a rug to sit on and listen to some cool jazz.

If you want to learn how to improvise, you should come along to the Sydney Region Jazz Camp which is being held at Blackwattle Bay Campus on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 December. All school musicians welcome. For more information please email sscimp@det.nsw.edu.au

Finally, we urgently need more parent volunteers to support the running of the IMP. The IMP is a parent-run organisation, but it can only provide the current standard of music for your child with more assistance from IMP parents. There is one committee meeting per term where we plan for upcoming events. Please support this great program by donating your time to this very rewarding program. It’s a chance to meet parents from all campuses, plus the Music Director and Principals and contribute to continuing this successful program. To volunteer please email sscimp@det.nsw.edu.au
MOONLIGHT FOR THE MOUNTAINS

On Friday 6 December, SSC Leichhardt will be hosting Moonlight for the Mountains! – An outdoor cinema event to be held on our school oval. This event is proudly supported by our P&C and Leichhardt Council and will raise much needed funds for those affected by the recent NSW bushfires. Following a student vote, film to be screened is Despicable Me (pg)

Students, parents and their friends and families are encouraged to support this fantastic initiative by purchasing tickets through the front office.

Ticket cost:
$5 students
$10 Adults
$25 Family (2 adults, up to 3 children)
All proceeds are to go to the Winmalee High School Bushfire Recovery Trust Fund to cover the education costs of over 50 students who lost their homes.

Other info:
~ Gates open at 6pm
~ Bring a blanket and the family down for a picnic dinner.
~ BBQ fundraiser, popcorn and cold drinks available.

For the safety of all visitors we ask you to respect the following guidelines.
Entry via valid ticket only
Limited area available for chairs
Limited parking available
No alcohol,
No glass
Talented Athletes Program

The Talented Athletes Program (TAP) commenced in Term 3 of this year. It was designed to help improve results for students who competed at a high level in their chosen sport. The program focused on cardio-respiratory endurance, muscular endurance, flexibility, speed and agility, all of which can be transferred across most sports.

The program accepted twenty students after they completed an application form and two sessions of fitness testing. Once accepted students got the opportunity to train twice a week, with each session focusing on a different type of fitness. Sessions involved interval training, agility training, sprint training, body weight training, skipping, boxing and yoga.

Students seemed to enjoy the experience of the program and are hopeful of participating in it again next year. The students also had a lot success this year with a number of them reaching zone, regional and state age level for their respective sports.

I congratulate all the students involved for their efforts this year and encourage all students to trial for the program again next year.

Mr Luke Simmons
PDHPE Teacher

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT
Teacher v Student v Mystery 3rd person

The much anticipated World Record Attempt will happen next Thursday at assembly. The exact World Record has been kept under wraps and no one seems to know what it is.

Mr Luke Simmons is the teacher representative who is confident of etching his name in the record books “Some teachers teach history, next week I’m going to make history.”

Matthew Soeleiman is the student representative who will try to break the record. The quietly confident Matthew had these words “I will try my best. If anyone wants to give me advice, I’m ready to listen.”

Speculation on who is the third person has only led to more mystery. Rumours of the person being a Principal, Deputy or someone else from the Leichhardt Campus Community will only be confirmed on the day of the World Record Attempt.

Hopefully it will be history in the making!

Mr Simmons gave a lot of his time to us, without him this program wouldn’t have gone ahead and we are very grateful of the knowledge and help he gave us.

Next year we would encourage all students to try out because it’s definitely a fun and beneficial experience J

Chiara Lam & Matilda Friend
Number Crunchers Regional Final 2013

Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt hosted surrounding primary schools in the Regional Number Crunchers Final. Annandale Public School, Dobroyd Point Public School, Nicholson Street Public School, Newtown North Public School and Sydney Secondary College Balmain Campus were well represented by five determined students aspiring to qualify for the state finals.

Number Crunchers gave students only ten seconds to respond to difficult mathematical questions. Each round the questions were more challenging until one student remained from each school. One year six student described the event as “A mathematics spelling bee”.

The winners from each primary school competed for the Regional title. Congratulations to Newtown North Public School whose top student won the Regional Competition.

Year 7 Leichhardt students were involved in intense mathematics to reach the final five. After many internal rounds of competition of 62 students the top five were selected. The five representatives were Nick Kennedy, Ruairi O’Cuinn, Kai Young, Fergus O’Sullivan and Marco Tsang. After a gruelling nineteen rounds Nick Kennedy won through.

Nick will now represent Sydney Secondary College Leichhardt at the State Final on November 27 at the Powerhouse Museum. Over 40 schools will be represented at the event. Good luck Nick.

Congratulations to all the competitors who made the event a wonderful success.
News from the P&C

Hi All
I was fortunate to attend The Odyssey on Thursday night in the school hall. It was an entertaining night and it was great to see so many kids involved from every year in the school. On behalf of the parents I would like to thank all the staff who helped make it happen, either directly by contributing time and expertise, or indirectly through supporting staff and teachers and putting up with having students removed from classes for rehearsals. Congratulations to Libby Campbell on a wonderful production.

Thanks to all who attended the P&C meeting last week. There was plenty of discussion. Miss Goldstein asked for some funds to put on a fund raising movie night for those affected by the NSW Bushfires. This is a great idea and the P&C agreed to contribute toward running the event. Also the state of the school bathrooms has been an issue highlighted to the committee earlier in the year by a group of SRC representatives. We’re pleased to say the school has worked hard to improve the toilets by fixing doors and locks and repainting both boys’ and girls’ bathrooms. The P&C has agreed to provide hand dryers and soap dispensers in the student and hall bathrooms.

Ms. Bright spoke to the meeting about BYOD (bring your own device) which will become important next year as the school laptop program has now finished. More info is available on the school web site.

It is the job of the P&C each year to indicate our ongoing support for the School Chaplain, Jeff Hockey. The committee unanimously voted to support Jeff in this position, he makes a valuable contribution to the school.

We often talk at P&C about parent communication with teachers and the school. At one of our meetings we had a presentation on Edmodo by Mr. Darnley. Many teachers use this to communicate with students and parents. It’s a really useful tool. Also the year advisor is a great resource if you have any concerns.

We talked at the last meeting about Lostock and improvements which we can make to improve the experience of those staying there. If you are interested have a look at the web site.
http://lostock-school-camp.wikispaces.com/

Our last meeting of the year will be on Monday 2nd December. Come along and be part of it. And if you have any suggestions email them to me ahead of time and I can put them on the Agenda.

Finally, don’t forget our ongoing Tramsheds campaign. Sign the petition and send it to your friends on line

Cheers, - Nick Potter – President P&C

If you would like to contact any of the executive, the best way is through the P&C email, ssclpc@gmail.com. Use this email for more information about getting involved with the P&C and its activities.

The P&C at Leichhardt is a great way to meet other parents, meet the Principal and teachers, and become more engaged with the school. The meetings are a forum to gather information, ask questions and float ideas. Our Principal, Melinda Bright always attends, and we often have senior staff members address the meetings to update us on the happenings in their faculty and beyond.

Meeting dates for 2013
All meetings are held in the staff common room, from 7 pm, on the first Monday of the month (except where that falls in the school or public holidays)
Monday December 2

P&C email list
We had a lot of positive feedback from parents who have enjoyed reading the minutes and being kept up to date with our activities even though they weren’t able to attend meetings. If you would like to receive the P&C minutes and information about upcoming P&C events, please email the P&C on ssclpc@gmail.com

P&C pages on the school website
Another way to keep up to date with P&C activities is to view our pages on the school’s website. The minutes of P&C meetings are regularly uploaded, along with information about Lostock. www.lichhardt-school.nsw.edu.au/parents-citizens

Lostock
Sydney Secondary College maintains a modest river-front camp at Lostock, 60km north of Maitland in the Upper Hunter Valley. Set among working farms and rolling hills right on the banks of the Patterson River, it was once a one-teacher country school that has been converted to provide a rural education camp for groups of 30 or so, but is also set up as a comfortable weekender for College families, staff and general public when not in use by the College. The camp is looked after by an intercampus subcommittee of parents and volunteers on behalf of the SSC community.

For more information, visit the website at http://lostock-school-camp.wikispaces.com/
Please direct booking requests by email to Lostock-School@hotmail.com