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Dear Parents

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY REQUIREMENTS

Collegiate's vision is to pursue excellence through holistic education and thus aims to employ a blended learning approach to the delivery of the curriculum. Collegiate is committed to being an Apple school (using Ipads and Apple pencils) utilising the Microsoft suite as the software base (Teams, Outlook, Word, PowerPoint, Excel) and Jamf for learner security. It is important to note that it is compulsory for every learner to have a functioning iPad whether the learner uses e-books or not. Thus, your daughter will be required to have an Apple device. No other devices will be accepted or allowed e.g. Android or Windows. Our requirements are an Apple iPad (all grades), with an Apple pencil (or generic pencil) for Grades 8, 9, 10 and 11 (compulsory 2027) and Grade 12 (optional 2027). A smart keyboard as an optional extra is recommended.

Please note that during school hours Jamf School will lock the learner devices on the school premises to allow only educational apps and requirements. We strongly recommend that parents do NOT allow learners to use the device for social media at any time. It is also essential that learners do not use the i-Pad for photograph and video storage as learners need a fair amount of storage for the educational apps to run.

The use of technology enables the School to achieve the goals of its vision through:

- IT systems that are able to make use of the latest opportunities in technology;
- An educator and learner-body that facilitates and explores in an ever-changing digital world;
- Learners who are skilled at using technology throughout their learning and who acquire skills necessary for tertiary education and the world of work, and more specialised skills for those who will study in the STEM and Computer Science fields;
- Educating learners about Cyber-Security, Cyber-Bullying, Social Media, Online Communication and Personal Information;
- Technologically and digitally skilled educators who utilise creative learning opportunities and delivery of the curriculum;
- Well-resourced Science and IT departments that promote excellence, innovation and creativity;
- Extensive digital resources for learners and educators; and a reduction in paper resources;
- School IT policies and strategies that support the implementation of the vision.

The Apple devices offer many tools and services for education, and through the web-based portal, Apple School Manager and Jamf School, we are able to manage users, contents and devices.

From Grade Ten, learners who do Information Technology or CAT are required to have access to a Windows device at home to practise the practical work.

We suggest, in your selection of an iPad and pencil, that you consider future-proofing your purchase. Selecting a model different to the recommended specification indicated below may mean it will not last the five years of schooling. For example, should you already have a 10th Gen iPad, then it would be acceptable to use that as a cost-effective measure, but you may need to upgrade at a later stage.

The **minimum** recommended specification is:

Product	Approximate recommended Retail Price
iPad A16 128GB, WiFi capability	From R6 999
Apple Pencil USB C (or generic) Consult the compatibility list: https://support.apple.com/en-za/HT211029	From R1 999
Smart Keyboard (optional)	From R1 999

The above prices are taken from the iStore Education Website <https://education.istore.co.za>

Note: Apple provides a list of what is needed for school work and this may be useful for parents:
<https://support.apple.com/en-za/guide/schoolwork-teacher/phxa5a248e65/ios>

SUGGESTED RETAILER: **iStore**

As an iStore Education partner school, iStore Education offers our learners the most powerful learning tools, at affordable rates, with all the technical and educational support needed. Please check the website at <https://education.istore.co.za> for discounts eligible to our parents.

Should you have any queries, please email our IT Administrator, Mr Kameni at itadmin@cghs.co.za, who will be able to advise and assist you.

We know that this is a large outlay, and we recommend building it into your monthly budget.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Louise Erasmus
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