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ST PHILOMENA SCHOOL

DISTANCE EDUCATION

Address:

61 Koplick Road,

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IT Requirements and Recommendations

Internet Connection

- Preferred: NBN connection (where possible) otherwise 3/4/5G home internet or Satellite options

Computer Operating System

- Preferred: Microsoft Windows 11 (64 bit version recommended)
- Apple Mac OS X – 10.9 Mavericks, 10.10 Yosemite, 10.11 El Capitan or later version. St Philomena School is a Windows based environment, the IT department will not be able to supply support for students using Apple products.
- *Chromebooks and iPads are not supported*
- Tablets, iPads and handheld devices can be used short term, as a backup or when travelling. These devices will not be suitable for long term use as they do not meet the requirements for all aspects of your students learning.

Specifications

- 8GB RAM minimum
- 128GB Hard Disk Drive minimum
- Optional: Solid State drives are faster but not essential

Screen

- Any monitor or laptop screen that supports 1280 pixels wide resolution or above.
- Optional: An additional monitor connected to your device gives more screen space. This could be used for example to have the student's online lesson open on one screen and a document or learning resource open on the other.
- Optional: Touch screen on laptop devices is optional.

Camera

- In-built webcam on laptop devices or an external webcam for desktop devices. (eg. Logitech C505 Webcam)
- Preferred: External webcam allows students to reposition the camera angle without disrupting the screen.

Headset

- USB Headset (headphones and microphone). The price can range from $40 to $150 (eg. Logitech H390)
- *Surround Sound Gaming Headsets are not compatible and cannot be guaranteed to work*
- Optional: Noise cancelling feature provides clear communication.

Preferred: Printer / Scanner / Multifunction Device

- USB or networked devices are ideal
- Scanner to scan documents or photos etc. Phone cameras can also be used
- Printer:
    - Inkjet printer option – Low cost to buy initially, good photo printing, ink is expensive for small cartridges, print nozzles can clog if not regularly used.
    - Laser printer option – Initial cost is higher, toner is a lot bigger cartridge so more prints before replacing, no issue with nozzles (Can get black only or colour versions)

St Philomena School Office 365 License & student Cafe

All students enrolled in St Philomena School of Distance Learning will be supplied a St Philomena student email address and licence to Office 365. Students will access their online lessons via the Microsoft Teams App.

Student work will be scanned as a PDF file and uploaded through the Student Café. Students will be granted a Student Café license once all enrolments are confirmed.

Students and parents must always follow the St. Philomena School of Distance Learning IT Policy when accessing online resources and content.

Parents must take full responsibility for their child when online. The parent is the first defence in preventing children from accessing inappropriate content or sharing inappropriate content online.