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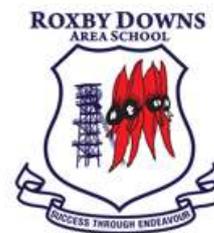
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Dear Parents / Caregivers,

In late 2013 the Roxby Downs Area School initiated a Bring Your Own Device program. Research was done on the type of device, how software could be supplied whilst still be legal, battery life of the device, weight and size and user experience. Information sessions were held and then the program was rolled out in term 1 of 2015.

Students have brought in their devices since then and we have supported this with the expansion to the wireless network, interactive projectors in every classroom across the school and training for staff to incorporate information technologies into their programming.

Roxby Downs Area School has now reached a point where the existing desktop computers have reached the end of their life (8 years) and either needed to be replaced or disposed of. The IT committee has spent considerable time working on this problem and it has been decided to dispose of the computers and not replace them. Investing that money into supporting the BYOD program, and those students / families who have already invested into the program as well. Planned future upgrades include replacing fibre optic cable within the school, replacing servers which supports the Remote Desktop environment and wireless network. These are all key components to make sure the network environment that the BYO devices work seamlessly within the school setting.

Starting 2016 students in years 7 to 12 will no longer be able to access the two computer rooms in G Block. This will mean that it is even more important that your child bring a device beginning next year. If you need to purchase a device or require more information please visit the BYOD information page on the school website. http://www.rdas.sa.edu.au/byod_info.htm or http://rdas.orderportal.com.au for purchasing.

If you would like more information about the suitable equipment or to ask any questions please feel free to contact the IT Department on the following email.

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Regards

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