TECHNOLOGY WORKING PARTY

1st UPDATE to ALL PARENTS/TEACHERS/STUDENTS - 21st June 2013

TEAM MEMBERS

The 1st meeting of the working party was held last Thur 13th June, for those who are not aware the selected members of the team are:

Paul McMahon (Parish Education Board, Parent, Chair of Technology Working Party)
Marie Nolan (Parish Education Board, Parent)
Nicole Jencik (Parish Finance Council, Parent)
Richard Watson (Parent)
Erin Macdonald (Principal)
Karen Matthiesson (IT Infrastructure, Office)
Catherine Newington (Class Teacher)
Brad Langdon (Parent)
Rose Costa (Deputy Principal)
Warren Bardsley (Parent)

We envisage that our IT Captains, Madison Giacomini and Matthew Field will take part later in this process as student representatives.

PURPOSE & OUTCOMES

It was agreed our ultimate purpose is to maximize the educational experiences & learning of students at Sacred Heart.

Technology in all forms is one of many tools to facilitate this outcome. Thus it was agreed to broaden the parameters of the working party beyond an iPad only review to:

“Analyse & implement the best technology tool(s) to maximize and enhance the educational experience & learning of our students”.

1st STEPS

Sub-Committees have been formed to research & review technology education successes & failures, or primarily to:

- Research what other primary schools & our feeder secondary schools are doing.
- Review the IT world regarding current & future technology tools.
• Research Catholic Education Office (CEO) & Department of Education & Early Childhood Development (DEECD) advice & any available studies.

We have obtained a free, 3 week iPad Trial Program which is currently running for Foundation Students (Preps) until the end of Term 3. All that is learnt from this trial will be fed into the working party’s review.

• A survey is almost completed for Parents of Foundation Students to complete once the Trial has ended.

• We also encourage anyone interested in seeing the trial in action in the classrooms to visit during class time, best suggested time to do this is:

   **26th of June between 9am - 11am**

**NEXT STEPS**

The next steps will evolve out of the completed Research, Review & Trial steps, however some already planned activities include:

• Set-up of a new section on the SHPS Website with all the latest Technology Working Party news & updates.

• Once the next steps evolve we will be encouraging questions & suggestions from parents, teachers and students which will be responded to directly and also listed on the SHPS Website so that anyone interested will be able to see common questions / suggestions / responses.

The next Technology Working Party meeting is scheduled for 27th of July at 7pm.

*Many Thanks for your interest in reading this update*

*Sacred Heart Technology Working Party*