



ONE TO ONE

Providing opportunities for your
child to succeed in the 21st
Century

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School Vision

- St Hurmizd Primary School is dedicated to **educational excellence, encouraging students to reach their potential** in a nurturing environment so as to become **productive Australian citizens...**

The new school curriculums call for the use of technology



Not every child responds to traditional methods of education



Most respectable jobs (including doctors, lawyers, engineers, teachers etc..) in this century require a strong grasp of computing literacy.



What is One to One in a nutshell?

- Because our we want to give your child the best opportunity to succeed in Australian society. We are introducing One to One in Years 4. This will mean that each student in Year 4, 5 and 6 will have their own computer. This sets our school head from any other primary school in the Fairfield region.

One to One requires each student to have their own device (purchased by the parents) that they will use as part of their learning at home and at school.

Currently the staff at SHAPS have negotiated a lucrative deal with Google to provide each student in years 4 with a heavily discounted laptop (Chromebook) with matching keyboard.

Benefits of One to One



- It prepares students for what their future will hold. Instead of encyclopedias we use Google, instead of mail we use email or blogging and instead of reading instruction manuals we use YouTube.
- Students will have access to current information in a matter of seconds.
- Teachers are able to provide more engaging and interactive activities which cater for your child's learning.
- Students are able to access their learning through the web browsing, blogging, cloud based technologies
- Parents will be able to see what their child is learning

The Results of 2014 One to One program

- Academic results
 - The students of Year 5 and 5 have successfully completed over 10000 books and reading activities on line. The biggest success and participation growth was seen in boys who are slightly below their reading age.
 - SHAPS students have a spelling/ grammar accuracy rate of >90% in on line competitions
 - Students have completed over _____ maths questions through Mathletics.
 - Student engagement in learning has increased considerably , particularly when using educational programs and video as opposed to “pen n paper” methods.
 - Our students are more “future” ready and are better digital citizens

Cost

- We have negotiated with Chromebook to bring the cost down to **\$340**. This includes the device, management software and security licences your child needs.



Vision for 2014 schools

- In 2014, students will use their tablets to engage in the contemporary pedagogy of Learn, Create and Share
- Learn – To assist with literacy and numeracy, students will engage and learn from online research, games, apps etc.
- Create – Using the information they have learnt, students will create Power Points, Word Documents, spreadsheets, forums, videos etc.
- Share – To complete the learning cycle, students will present and contribute their knowledge through emails, blogging and adding to their own learner web-space.



FAQs

- Will I have to purchase access to the internet at school?

No, because you are purchasing the tablets direct from us, we will connect you to our network allowing free access to the internet. At home, however, you will need to connect the tablet to your own wifi network. Alternatively you can access free internet in public libraries, McDonalds and most shopping centres.

- What happens the Chromebook doesn't work?

All tablets have a 1 year standard warranty for manufacturing faults. In this case, we will endeavor to get the problem resolved through Microsoft at no extra charge for you.

Currently, St Hurmizd is negotiating an extension to two years warranty and we will inform you of our progress as soon as they reply.

- What happens if my child breaks the tablet?
- First of all, Chromebooks pass the drop test, making them far stronger than I Pads which are notorious for being fragile.
- We have looked at purchasing accidental breakage insurance, however, this will double the cost to you. As a result we will not be purchasing this. We train your child into properly taking care of the device.

- My child has their own laptop/ tablet can they bring their own?

Unfortunately, if your child decides to bring their own device we will not be able to connect it to our network nor guarantee that your child will have access to the apps and cloud based tools made by the school.

We encourage that your child to use our tablets as tools for learning only.

- Would I need to set up anything?
- The school will do most of the initial set up. The only setting up you are required to do is to set to connect the device to your own personal wifi.

- Can my child their own install games and apps?

Yes, the device is essentially yours and therefore you can install apps and games within the device. However, during school time your child will not be permitted to play any games unless it has been approved by the teacher.

We see the devices as tools for learning and not an opportunity to distract themselves from their studies.

- Who is responsible for my child and their web browsing?
- During school time, we will monitor your child's access to the internet. All misadventures will be reported to the principal or deputy principal and you will be informed of it as well.
- At home time, you are encouraged to monitor your child when they are accessing the internet. To assist you, we will be spending a great deal of time teaching your children about “netiquette” and appropriate use of the technology.

- Would my child be subjected to social media?
- It is true that social media like Facebook and Twitter have been used for educational purposes, however, please be advised that at St Hurmizd we will not be permitting your child to access them. **It is against the law for your child to have a social media account if they are under the age of 12, (14 for Facebook)!**
- To protect your child, we will not allow any opportunity for them to be a target of cyber bullying

- Will there be any additional costs?

No! We understand that money is always tight, so we made sure you would not get any additional costs!

During the year, your child may want to purchase headphones or a mouse if they would like. However, this would be entirely optional.

- What about charging the device?
- Since your child is taking the device home, we strongly advise that you charge the device overnight each day. This will ensure that the Surface is fully charged during school hours.
- We will also have a bank of chargers available just in case, however, this will limit the mobility of your child.

- Can I claim it on tax?
- Any purchase that in direct correlation to your child's education is tax deductible via the education rebate. The amount you get back is dependent on your income. As a general rule...

The education tax refund (ETR) helps eligible families and independent students meet the cost of primary and secondary school education.

You can claim the ETR for education expenses you incur while your child attends primary or secondary school.

Families and approved care organisations can claim up to 50% of their eligible educational expenses if either of the following apply:

**they were entitled to receive Family tax benefit (FTB) Part A for the child
a payment was made for the child that stopped them from receiving FTB Part A for that child.**

Independent students may also be eligible to claim the ETR.

For the period 1 July 2010 to 30 June 2011, you can claim up to:

\$794 for each eligible child in primary school - that is, a refund of \$397

\$1,588 for each eligible child in secondary school - that is, a refund of \$794

Taken from Australian Taxation Office, 2013