



PINETREE

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Pinetree's 1:1 Technology Program

Dear Parents of incoming Grade 9 students:

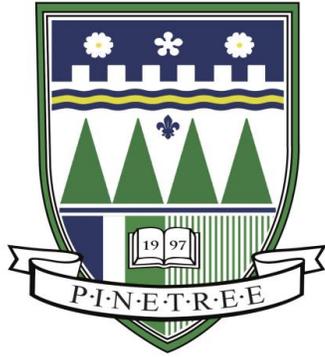
Technology plays an important role in our world. At Pinetree Secondary we want to teach our students how to utilize technology effectively to maximize learning, and to help them develop an understanding of their digital and online behavior.

With this understanding Pinetree Secondary has implemented 1:1 technology initiative. Students entering grade 9 in September, 2019 will bring their own device to school on a daily basis, and will be using their device for educational purposes. Students will use devices responsibly, and only with the permission and direction of the teacher.

As part of their grade 9 program, students will take the **Applications of Digital Literacy 10** course, which counts as a grade 10 graduation credit. This course will be offered during our homeroom class (called PACK at Pinetree) and integrated into the grade 9 curriculum. One of the goals of this course is to provide students with the best opportunities to learn and to help them develop a reflective capacity and understanding regarding their online interactions and time management.

The intent of this program is to provide students with the ability to access information and resources when needed in their classrooms. Technology will be used in different ways and at different levels, depending upon the class. The chart below lists typical usage patterns.

Course Name	Used frequently	Used occasionally
English	✓	
Languages	✓	
Mathematics	✓	
Science	✓	
Social Studies	✓	
Fine and Performing Arts		✓
Technology and ICT		✓
Planning		✓
Physical Education		✓
Culinary and Home Economics		✓



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The implementation of a 1:1 Technology Initiative will enhance learning for a number of reasons.

- Greater engagement will increase student success.
- Personalization of student devices will help them meet their learning needs
- Students can use their device anytime, anywhere
- Collaboration with other students at school and at home will occur

After consulting with school district personnel and examining programs currently in existence, we are recommending students bring laptops with word processing and internet access. Tablets, smartphones, Google Chromebooks and gaming laptops are **NOT** recommended.

Our 1:1 Technology initiative is the latest component of Pinetree Secondary's school-wide technology plan, which has been developed with the aim of enhancing learning and teaching by increasing access to digital tools and content. Components of our technology plan include:

- Replacement and upgrading of the desktop computers in our Computer Labs, Information Technology classrooms and library
- I pads for specific classrooms (Learning Services and Social Studies) and for general use
- A mobile laptop cart for the library, and one for the main floor classrooms

The intent of our A 1:1 Technology Program is to structure the learning environment so that students are able to easily access content, and to enhance the learning experience. We want to create an environment where each student has an effective and personalized computer that will enable them to have a more focused and effective approach to their learning.

We will provide more information at our 1:1 Technology Information Night, Wednesday, May 22nd at 6:30. This night is intended for parents of students entering grade 9 next September. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

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