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Dear Parents and Carers,

### 2026 BYOD & STEP Program for Year 11 and 12 Students

In 2026 Mareeba State High School will be introducing an option for Year 11 and 12 students to access laptops as part of the Student Technology Equity Partnership Program (STEP for short) which is part of the Queensland Government's commitment to narrowing the digital divide and supporting Queensland's students.

To ensure all students have access to essential digital tools for learning, Mareeba State High School encourages all students to bring a laptop to school each day. There are two options for Year 11 and 12 students in 2026:

- **Option 1** where the student uses their own personally owned device; and
- **Option 2** where the student secures a device through the school's STEP Laptop Program

To access a laptop through the STEP laptop program, it is important that you read through the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Mareeba State High School document on the MSHS website. This can be located at under the heading Students and Resources/BYOD.

Some important points for the STEP laptop program

- There is no cost for the parent/carer or student for the laptop – students will also be provided with a protective sleeve for the laptop, and the laptop will come with accidental damage protection.
- The school maintains ownership of the STEP laptop throughout its lifespan. This enables the school to manage and maintain the laptop and progress warranty and/or accidental damage protection claims as necessary.
- Before the laptop can be issued, the signed Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Mareeba State High School document must be returned to the school reception A Block.

We look forward to implementing this new initiative next year for our Years 11 and 12 and in 2027 will be looking to expand the program as more laptops become available for Years 9 and 10 students.

We wish you a festive holiday season and look forward to seeing you in 2026.

Regan Gant  
Principal