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PRESS START: THE YBPS IPAD PROGRAM

As you are aware, Yanchep Beach Primary School successfully launched its one-to-one iPad program, *Press Start*, in 2016. *Press Start* is a different kind of learning experience. Each child has a personal iPad that is used as an educational tool to enhance their learning across all areas of the curriculum. The program is a partnership between school and home, with parents funding the cost of devices and the school meeting running costs.

In less than a few months' time, *Press Start* will launch for your child. This letter describes some opportunities for you to learn more so that your child will be able to gain the full benefit of the program when it launches in Term Two of 2018. For previously enrolled year 5 and 6 students the program simply continues, for newly enrolled year 4, 5 or 6 students we encourage you to attend one of the sessions outlined below to learn more about the program.

Open Night – Monday 26 February, 2 sessions

We are pleased to invite all parents to attend an introductory session and see *Press Start* in action. This opportunity is a chance for parents to learn more about the program.

Commencing at either 3:15pm or 6:00pm in the library we will review the program to date, discuss device specifications, security and particularly how it supports our key learning directions as well as help prepare our young learners for the modern world.

Parent Steering Committee

Thank you to all parents who have participated in the *Press Start* Steering Committee in previous years. The Steering Committee is the group that makes key decisions which shape this program. It is your opportunity to make your voice heard and help guide the program for the benefit of all students.

The next Steering Committee meeting will be held in the school library at **3:15 pm on Wednesday 28 February**. We warmly welcome any parents who would like to join. Parents are welcome to join the committee at any stage of the year and attend as many meetings as they prefer.

Purchasing a Device

It is great to see so many students already well prepared. For new students to YBPS in years 4, 5 and 6 it is certainly not too late. The link below may assist your purchasing options:

<https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/yanchepbeach>

Thank you again for your support of this program. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 08 9561 6080, or equally I look forward to seeing you at either introductory session on February 26.

Kind regards,

Matt Jarman

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