

First Year Parents Information Evening

Computer device for incoming
First Year Students

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Teaching with technology

Rationale

- Motivation
- Collaboration
- Communication skills
- Analysis and interpretation skills
- Managing and prioritising tasks
- Problem solving skills
- Differentiation

What the research says about instructional technology (BECTA 2006 Key Research Series)

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Global shift to e-books

Provide a richer learning experience – audio and video

New Junior Cycle requires use of technology

Equip students for further education and work

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Background

2016/2017 Academic Year

55/45 split between device and books

No reported issues in classroom management

Teachers report more flexibility in teaching methodology with devices

Projects such as EU-Folio very dependant on technology use

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Proposal

Continue with a device for 1st year students

Proposed device:

Linx Windows 10 Pro 2-in-1
tablet

Tablet with keyboard/cover



Parents buy the device and an independent company "Wriggle" manage the device

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Proposal

Pricing

Linx 1020 64gb Tablet 3 year warranty	€319
Case	€30
Ongoing Service and Support	€110 (3 Years)
Total Cost	€459
Monthly payment 24 months*	€20 (approximately)
* Credit to be arranged by individual parents	

Athenry Credit Union offer a rate of 5.54% for Educational Loans
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No device option

Pay only the cost of the textbooks

Estimated cost €200 - €250

(Please note the school contribution of €100 per student remains unchanged)

Next Steps

Letter to parents next week

Indicate your choice by returning form to school