## St Luke's
Catholic College

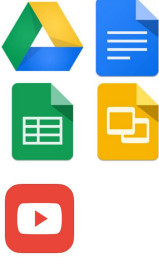**Letter to Parents - Start Up App Requirements for New Students**

In a place where "Learning = Infinite Possibilities", learning is the priority at St Luke's. In our next generation Catholic learning community, digital technology features prominently as one enabler for quality learning.

Below is an list of 'start up' apps which will support the learning process at St Luke's. They have been chosen because of their ability to facilitate creativity, collaboration and communication in a range of subjects. We ask that all BYOD students have these apps ready for their first week at St Luke's.
Other apps are used for more specific topics and learning experiences and these will be communicated by the stage teachers as the need arises.

As a reminder, students who have a device available are asked to bring it every day.  The more often they have access the faster they will become proficient at using devices to support their learning.
Students and parents should also monitor the students available storage as often a full photo gallery or unused games can limit the storage available for apps to work effectively.

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|  | **Book Creator - $7.99**<br>- Book Creator is open-ended, cross curricular app which allows students to create and publish texts such as interactive stories, research journals, collages and comics.<br>- Book creator includes the ability to publish ebooks to other apps like seesaw and to the ibook store. The free version is not appropriate as it only allows the creation of one limited 'book' while the paid version is unlimited.<br>- A new version has recently been made available for chromebooks and androids in the play store. |
|  | **Seesaw Class - School Licensed, free to download.**<br>- This app allows students to share examples of their progress, goals and 'best work' with teachers, peers and parents using this initiative app.<br>- Available in the app store, play store and on a laptop via seesaw.me<br>- Don't forget to download the parent version on your phone!  Students can have up to ten family members connected. New students will be given QR codes which allow you to connect a few weeks after starting at St Luke's. This allows them time to familiarise themselves with the app and upload some content. |
|  | **Google Suite  - Google docs, drive, sheets, slides, gmail, maps, Youtube        All free**<br>- The google suite of apps allows students to learn in a real time, collaborative environment.  Using their google apps for education accounts students have access to google tools which are age appropriate and regulated by CEDP. As such 13+ age limits are waived for some tools (e.g. mail) but not for others to which they don't have access (e.g. hangouts). Personal responsibility is encouraged for others (e.g. youtube) which are monitored by the schools network but cannot be at home.<br>- App access is best for tablets through your prefered store, browser access is excellent on laptops.<br>- Please sign in using your *yourname@parrastu.catholic.edu.au* account |

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| | **Eplatform by Wheeler - free**<br>- The ePlatform eBook reading app gives CEDP students access to thousands of eBooks.<br>- More detailed information about accessing this library using a range of methods will be been provided in a google folder for easy reference by students.<br>- Please sign in using your *yourname@parrastu.catholic.edu.au* account |
| | **QR code reader - free**<br>- A number of free QR code readers are available for all devices. QR reader by Scan is what we are using at school.<br>- If students are interested they may like to choose one that enables them to create as well as read QR codes. |
| | **Pic collage - Free**<br>- Pic collage allows students to compare and contrast their work for publishing in Seesaw.<br>- No sign in is required.<br>- Available on the app store and play store |
| | **Doodle Buddy - Free**<br>- Doodle buddy is a drawing app that allows quick and easy drawing, creation of visual texts and annotations of photographs.<br>- No sign in is required.<br>- Available on the app store with a number of alternatives on the play store.<br>- With this and most apps it is best not to have notifications turned on. |

To ensure parents are engaged with the technology aspect of your child's learning, **we strongly encourage parents/carers to consider 'family sharing'** for your child's Apple device. This requires the creation of an Apple ID for your child, which is managed by a parent. Students under the age of 13 should only have supervised access to the app store and the family sharing 'ask to buy' feature allows them to manage apps with supervision. Learn more at https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201088 or google 'family sharing'. Family sharing allows for parents to approve the upload of an 'app' to a device. Students over the age of 13 should review the itunes store agreement with a parent or guardian to make sure that all parties understand it before together deciding on the best way forward for access.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school on 9854 3100.

Thank you in advance
St Luke's Teachers