



Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are aware, September 2026 will see the rollout of our **1:1 Laptop Device Programme in partnership with Olive for Education**.

This initiative will see every 1st Year student equipped with their own mandatory laptop device, fully configured for safe and effective use in school and at home. This is a vital step in ensuring our students are fully prepared for both the Junior Cycle and their future studies.

Our **online store for 1:1 student devices is now open**. You can place your orders from today using the link below. We have also attached a short step-by-step **Parent Ordering Guide (PDF)** to make the process simple.

Store link: <https://store.oliveforeducation.ie/>

School Code: 65340P

Payment options

- **Pay upfront** in full at checkout, **or**
- **Pay in instalments** over time, **or**
- Contact the **Clonmel Credit Union** regarding a payment plan

Opening the store now gives families **more time to plan and organise payment**.

- All orders must be **placed and fully paid by 30 May 2026** (before the current school year ends).

School Contribution

We fully appreciate the significant financial commitment this presents for families. To support you, the school will **contribute €50 towards each student's device**.

Why this move is important

1. Alignment with Junior Cycle Reform

The Junior Cycle places strong emphasis on Classroom-Based Assessments (CBAs), project work, and ongoing digital engagement. Reliable access to an individual device ensures students can research, create, collaborate, and present their work effectively throughout the three-year cycle.

2. Infrastructure Limitations

Our current school infrastructure cannot guarantee sufficient access to shared devices for every class group. A 1:1 device model removes scheduling bottlenecks, ensures fairness, and prevents valuable learning time being lost waiting for device availability.

3. Futureproofing Learning

By providing all Junior Cycle students with their own device from the beginning of



post-primary school, we build a consistent digital learning pathway into Senior Cycle. Students will have a dependable device for all subjects and will take it with them as they progress through the school and beyond.

4. **Warranty, Safety & Support**

Each device includes a 5-year warranty and accidental damage protection through Olive for Education. This gives families peace of mind, ensures devices remain functional throughout a student's time in school, and reduces unexpected costs for repairs or replacements.

5. **Developing Essential Digital Skills**

Early, consistent access to a personal device helps students become confident, responsible, and safe users of technology. They learn essential skills such as digital organisation, research, communication, and media creation.

This is an important and exciting step for our school community, ensuring that every student is fully supported in their learning journey. Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

Kind regards,

Jenny Williams