



# James Fallon High School

## 2024 – LEASE TO OWN TECHNOLOGY

Dear Parents and Guardians,

James Fallon High School is committed to providing a rich and engaging learning experience for every child whilst constantly striving for ever greater academic achievement. Digital learning opportunities are critical to prepare students for the modern workplace. All James Fallon High School students in Years 7-12 will be expected to bring a designated device every day.

At James Fallon High School we are proud to be leaders in innovative educational approaches for future-focused learning. To that end, we have purchased DELL devices for the school.

We recognise that the purchase of a device is a significant financial commitment for some families. As a result, we have implemented a school-funded DELL laptop lease-to-own plan, with the school funding the majority of the cost of the device. Although families are free to purchase a device externally to the school, we are confident that this new lease-to-own plan is a great opportunity for families.

We understand that the initial cost is something that families will need to factor into their budgets. For the first year, the lease to own scheme will involve an introductory payment option, with a range of payment options to consider.

### *How it works:*

- Stage 6 students will be allocated the existing DELL laptops in good working order. Any repairs to these laptops will be the responsibility of the student.
- School purchases the new DELL laptops for \$1000, with a two-year warranty provided for any repairs. Students will lease to own the laptops at a total cost to families of \$400 per laptop. The model is **SI# 107729 Dell Latitude 3140 BTX (210-BFRX)**.
- Family can organise payment in the following ways:
  - Pay up front \$400 (GST Inclusive) for the entire lease cost
  - Pay instalments of \$100 per year, \$125 per year for 10 2024 students
  - Pay a minimum first instalment of \$50 by Friday, **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, with the remainder of the 2024 instalment paid by **Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**, with 2025,

2026 and 2027 payments organised by **March 1** of each year.

- At the end of the lease period, once all instalments are paid in full, the student will own the computer.

*Notes:*

- A Student Payment Plan Agreement must be completed.
- The device issued is a Dell Laptop. If you would like to purchase an alternate device, this must be purchased externally and is not available under the lease-to-own plan. The alternate device must meet James Fallon High School's minimum specifications.
- For the Laptop to be set up for the start of the 2024 school year, the agreement and minimum first term instalment of \$50 needs to be finalised by **April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024**.
- Collection is expected to be available from **May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024** in a staged rollout.

*What you need to do:*

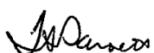
- Pay the first instalment – minimum \$50 for term 1, with an annual payment of \$100 in order to receive the device. For Year 10 students, as they have three years of lease to own, it will be \$125.
- Submit the signed Student Payment Plan Agreement by email to [jamesfallo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jamesfallo-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

or hand into the front office – for security purposes, these two ways are the only ones to be accepted.

There are some Frequently Asked Questions attached that may answer some of your questions.

This is an exciting opportunity for students and families. Digital technology that is affordable and current will now be available for our students.

Yours Sincerely,



Jennifer Parrett

Principal

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Is this optional?**
  - This is not optional. It is time that our students in our classrooms have access to digital learning at all times.
  - Students need to bring a fully charged device each day.
- **I want to bring my own digital device to school. Can I do this?**
  - Yes, as part of a BYOD process. This will need to be linked to the school Wi-Fi (on school grounds) and a student user agreement for technology will need to be signed.
  - The responsibility for your own digital device is yours. Any damage is the responsibility of the student. There is no warranty agreement for student's personal devices.
- **How will I carry my digital device?**
  - Each device will have a strong, protective case as part of the lease agreement. The device will need to be carried in this.
- **How will I know which device is mine?**
  - Each device, when you log into it, will have an individual student profile, which can be tracked. A student serial number will be recorded against your name before distribution.
  - There will be a label on each device with your name on it.
  - Label your protective case.
- **Why, if the school requires students to use laptops, is there a cost?**
  - These items are of significant value. Ownership is necessary for students to value these expensive devices.
  - In order to have future years participate, we need to recoup some costs for our budget.
  - Students will lease to *own* their devices – to use during the course of their school lives, and once paid, beyond school.

- **I know my parents/carers will have difficulty affording a device, especially if there are siblings all receiving a laptop. What can I do?**
  - There are many ways to afford the \$400 for the laptop.
    - Speak with us at the school – we have partnerships with organisations who can help.
    - Scholarships can be used for this – e.g. Friends of Zainab, Housing Scholarships.
  - Remember that the school has purchased these and will take on the bulk of the cost – financial assistance for technology has been provided already by the school.
  - For the Laptop to be set up for the start of the 2024 school year, the agreement and minimum first term instalment of \$50 needs to be finalised by **April 30, 2024**.
- **What if I don't make this payment?**
  - Limited refurbished devices will be available for loan before school, to be returned at the end of the day.
- **What happens if I leave school before the end of the four-year period, or if I am new to the school?**
  - If you are a leaver before the end of Year 10, you will return the device, as you have leased it for the time you have been in school at JFHS. Note that software will no longer be available.
  - If you are a new enrolment, you can commence your lease agreement and \$400 payment and use the device, with a payment plan established at point of enrolment.
- **Can the laptops be used at home?**
  - Yes, absolutely, with access to free software and cloud storage.
  - Bear in mind that the acceptable use policy for digital devices will apply at both home and school.
  - Please note that Wi-Fi is not supplied outside of the school.

- **What if I don't pay the remainder, and I don't bring the laptop to school while I am an enrolled student?**
  - The laptop will not work without updates, which require regular use at school. Software won't be available.
  - The laptop will be recalled to the school, as it remains the school property under the lease agreement.
- **The software is free while I am at school. Is that free once I leave?**
  - No. The hardware is part of the lease to own agreement, not the software. Once you leave school, you will need to purchase/arrange your own software.