Birchalls will be handling all your Back to School requirements for student stationery for 2016. There are no specific need for textbooks this year. Birchalls have a well established Back to School operation at the Royal Hobart Showgrounds where parents and students can select their stationery requirements. Each school has a dedicated area for specific stationery requirements, which is organised in year group order. There is also a large area dedicated to general Back to School stationery items. This allows parents and students to select what they require.

Please read the attached information from Birchalls for opening days and times between Monday 4 January and Saturday 30 January 2016 (4 weeks). Parents and students can choose their stationery requirements at any time during this four week period.

A list of the stationery required for Year 7 for 2016 is attached. Many of the stationery items are used again in Years 8, 9 and 10, so students are encouraged to take good care of all their stationery. Please note that students will be given access to their Electronic Student Planner once at College. The cost of this is included in the school fees.

iPads
Students will need their iPad by Week 4, Term 1, 2016. The minimum specifications are the iPad 2, 16Gig WiFi only. Please note that this model, the iPad 2 is not the current model but has served the students well over the past three years. When purchasing the iPad, parents/guardians should be aware that as models change Apple may not continue to support this model. This would mean that students may be prevented from updating and/or purchasing some apps. For Year 7 students the better option would be the model, iPad Air, however this model is currently more expensive than the iPad 2. If cost is a concern then the iPad 2 will be sufficient. Nearly all our current students have the iPad 2.

All students must have a sturdy iPad cover with good corner protection. Students will not be allowed to use their iPad at the College if they do not have a cover in place.

A $40 IT levy will be added to the March fee installment. This helps to cover the cost of bulk purchasing apps that will be used in the classroom.

It should also be noted that although we use the iPad for many tasks in the classroom, it does not take the place of regular stationery. Students must have the general stationery requirements listed overleaf as well as the subject specific stationery and texts.
A zip-up compendium is a useful purchase of organising exercise books. It is not compulsory.
A scientific calculator is essential for Maths as the iPad calculator is not always suitable (see general requirements).
Other Requirements

There are a number of other **compulsory** items which students require which are not on the listing:

**Cloth Apron for MDT** (available from Uniform Shop for $10)
**Safety Glasses for MDT**
**Storage container clearly named** for Food Studies/Hospitality
**Chef’s hat** for Food Studies (available from the Uniform Shop for $6)
**Aprons for Food Studies will be supplied by the College in 2016**
**College cap** for all HPE classes

**Black school shoes** – Students are not permitted to participate in practical lessons in either the Food Studies or MDT areas, if they are not wearing leather school shoes. If students are not in the correct footwear, they will be set theory for the duration of the lesson. Students who have an old pair of school shoes may choose to keep the old shoes either in their bag or at the College if the above lessons clash with their allocated HPE day.

For **GENERAL USE**, students will need the following items, which can often be found at home or can also be purchased from Birchalls at the Royal Hobart Showgrounds: