

Dear Parent/Guardian,

During the 2014-15 school year, Gunn underwent a [WASC self-study](#) and established a series of goals that will direct our efforts over the next five years. Last year, students that took specific courses on campus were part of a pilot initiative named *The Future Ready Learning Program*. Students enrolled in the program were expected to be engaged in a classroom environment which supports the use of technology for academic purposes on a regular basis. This year, we are expanding the program to include all students in their Sophomore and Junior years.

We have discovered that students with access to a powerful device (such as a tablet or laptop) outside the classroom with high connectivity, have improved opportunities to make learning more personalized, authentic, and meaningful.

Therefore, we are asking all 10th and 11th grade students to bring a device (laptop or tablet) with them to school on a daily basis. Due to a generous donation in 2014 tied specifically to technology, Gunn is able to loan your student a newly-purchased Chromebook for the upcoming school year. Alternatively, students can choose to bring their personal laptop or tablet to school each day.

The program helps ensure that all students in these courses have equitable access to technology for academic purposes. This guaranteed access will enable Gunn teachers to incorporate additional methods of instruction that can reach a broader range of students. It is our hope that this program will help us meet our WASC goals, while providing students the ability to use technology in a responsible, efficient, and effective way.

Sincerely,  
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