

Dear Parent,

As your child begins their journey into being a Designer in BCIS Secondary School there are some essential software requirements which we need you to ensure they have access to. As Grade 6 involves both photo-compositing and use of the laser-cutters students need to have access to appropriate applications for photo-editing and vector drawing.

Most of the applications we use in the Department are free, but these two pieces of software need to be purchased. We have some choices in which applications you can buy for your child to support them in their learning; The 1st choice is Industry standard software. The 2nd choice is good quality software which offers a strong alternative to the Adobe software, with some reduced functionality.

Vector Drawing:

1st Choice – Adobe Illustrator Creative Cloud –US\$19.99 Annual plan, paid monthly subscription
–US\$239.88 Annual plan, prepaid subscription
–US\$29.99 Monthly plan subscription

https://creative.adobe.com/plans?plan=individual&store_code=us&locale=en&sdid=KPGPI&mv=product&mv2=acc

2nd Choice – Affinity Designer – 328rmb – One-off Payment

<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/designer/>

Photo-Editing:

1st Choice – Adobe Photoshop Creative Cloud –US\$19.99 Annual plan, paid monthly subscription
– US\$239.88 Annual plan, prepaid subscription
– US\$29.99 Monthly plan subscription

https://creative.adobe.com/plans?plan=individual&store_code=us&locale=en&sdid=KPGPI&mv=product&mv2=acc

2nd Choice – Affinity Photo – 328rmb – One-off Payment

<https://affinity.serif.com/en-us/photo/>

Students and Teachers - All Apps – Special Offer- US\$19.99/Monthly subscription, US\$239.88/Yearly subscription

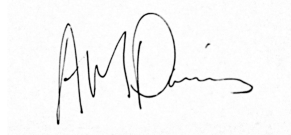
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Graphic Drawing Tablet

Each student should also have a graphic drawing tablet. We have identified the tablet below as being the most appropriate to our needs whilst keeping the weight to a minimum. The Wacom Intuos “Art Edition” also comes with software which would be helpful to them in various subjects across the Secondary School.

<http://www.wacom.com/en-us/products/pen-tablets/intuos-art>

We look forward to years of success with your child,



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