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Dear ISF Parents and Guardians,

We hope you are enjoying Term 3 and the warmer weather. It is wonderful to see the renewed energy across our ISF community – students, parents, and staff alike.

As we look ahead to the 2026–27 school year, we would like to share an exciting development in our teaching and learning program. As you know, ISF students in **Grades 5–10** currently use E-Books to access their learning materials. This approach has proven highly effective, offering clear advantages such as portability and convenience, instant access to updated content, and interactive features that support engagement and organization.

Introducing E-Books in Grades 3 and 4

Starting in the **2026–27 school year**, ISF will introduce E-Books for students in **Grades 3 and 4**. This thoughtful expansion allows younger students to begin developing digital learning skills gradually, while benefiting from the same high-quality resources and support already in place across the school.

We recognize that **Grades 3 and 4 are important transitional years**, and students at this stage are still developing foundational academic and organizational skills. For this reason, **2026–27 will be an introductory year** for E-Books in these grades.

To support students during this transition:

Students in Grades 3, 4, and 5 will receive both E-Books and printed textbooks. This dual format provides flexibility and familiarity while students adapt to the new learning format. Teachers will guide students carefully in how and when E-Books are used, ensuring an age-appropriate and balanced approach

Tablet Requirement (Grades 3–10)

All E-Books at ISF run on **Android™ tablets**, which families must purchase for each student enrolled in **Grades 3–10**.

Students download their E-Books during the first week of school and access them on their tablets throughout the academic year.

Students currently enrolled at ISF may continue using their existing tablets **if the operating system is Android™ version 13.0 or above**.

Tablet Specifications

Operating System	Android™ Version 15.0 or above
Internal Storage	64 GB or above
Processor	8 Core or higher
Memory (RAM)	4 GB or above

Screen Size (diagonal)	10.1 inches or larger
Resolution	1920 x 1080 or higher
SD Card Supported	Required
Stylus	Preferred
Wi-Fi	Wi-Fi 6 or above preferred

Important Notes for the 2026–27 School Year

- SABIS® applications, including E-Books, are supported only on Android™ operating systems
- Tablets running Android™ versions below 13.0 may not be fully compatible in 2026–27 and may require replacement
- For the 2027–28 academic year, tablets below Android™ version 14.0 may not be compatible
- Tablets that do not meet the recommended specifications may experience slowed or inconsistent performance, including difficulty accessing E-Books and saving notes
- Tablets meeting the specifications are expected to remain compatible for approximately three years
- Non-Android™ tablets and laptops cannot run the full features of the E-Books and therefore limit students’ interaction with the content. For this reason, non-Android™ devices are not permitted. Teachers will check tablets during the first week of the school year, and students without a compatible device will be required to obtain one.

Recommended Accessories

We recommend purchasing:

- A tablet without a SIM card port
- A protective tablet cover
- A power bank (minimum capacity of 12,000 mAh)
- A USB charging cable for use at school

Printed Textbooks for Medical Reasons

As always, students who require printed textbooks for medical reasons should submit a doctor-signed medical note to the Academic Coordinator responsible for their child’s grade level during the first week of school. In these cases, a full set of printed textbooks will be provided.

We appreciate your continued partnership as we introduce this exciting and carefully supported development for our students and teachers.

Should you have any questions about E-Books or tablet requirements, please feel free to contact us at sdp@isf.sabis.net.

Warm regards,

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