

Over the last two terms, we have undertaken an extensive review of our BYO program for Year 4-6. Included in our review was a survey of current devices the Year 4-6 students are bringing to school as well as a survey of parents and carers of students who will be in our 2022 BYO program.

As the vast majority of our current and future students in the program are keen to use iPads we have made the decision that from 2023 our BYO program will be a full BYO iPad program. 2022 will be a year of transition.

We believe there are many benefits to using an iPad:

- The iPad is a consistent platform for student and teachers, iPads have high minimum device standards, meaning they do not become out of date quickly, iPads as old as 8 years ago (iPad Air 2 is still VERY functional).
- The iPad's Airdrop feature is very useful and allows for quick and easy transfer of files to submit work or receive feedback .
- Android devices span many different brands and have with many different operating systems, system hardware variances and vendor specific quirks.
- iPads are sturdy, easily placed aside and start up immediately as needed.
- Keyboards in cases or attached via Bluetooth allow for a full typing experience.

If your child is entering Year 4 in 2022, or you plan on purchasing a new device for your children over the coming months or throughout 2022, please purchase an iPad.

### **Minimum Device Specifications:**

- Full size iPad Air 2 released 2014 and onwards
- 32 GB or higher
- Wi-Fi model
- Case with keyboard

\* Please ensure your iPad is updated to the latest IOS (Currently IOS 15.1 or above).

\* Please note that iPad Minis are NOT suitable for use due to their small screen size.

**For students entering Year 4 in 2022, and any students purchasing new devices:** We recommend an iPad 10.2-inch 9<sup>th</sup> Generation with a capacity of 64GB (minimum, 256GB option is also available). We also encourage parents to purchase iPad insurance or AppleCare+ for BYO iPads. Students will access the internet via school Wi-Fi only, devices with 4G capability will require the SIM card to be removed before bringing the device to school.

**Which iPad model do I have?** [Click here for instructions on how to identify your iPad model](#)

iPads can be purchased from many retailers, and over the coming months and into the new year many will offer extra discounts. Apple education store offers a reduced rate for school students: <https://www.apple.com/au-hed/store>

These options are currently available to purchase and would be suitable for school use:

- iPad: <https://www.apple.com/au-hed/shop/buy-ipad/ipad-10-2>
- iPad Air: <https://www.apple.com/au-hed/shop/buy-ipad/ipad-air>
- iPad Pro: <https://www.apple.com/au-hed/shop/buy-ipad/ipad-pro>

In 2022 we will also be providing new support systems to assist with app installation and distribution, as well as using a learning platform to enhance student engagement. More information on these elements of our BYO iPad program will be shared towards the end of the term, and will be accompanied by a series of onsite interactive learning opportunities at the beginning of 2022. These sessions are designed to help parents better understand the iPad and how to engage with and support their children's learning on this versatile and powerful device.

I look forward to working with you in the new year to share our vision and support students and families.

Regards,

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