

# PARK ORCHARDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

## BYO IPAD FAQs 2018

### What is BYO iPad?

BYO iPad stands for “Bring Your Own iPad.” BYO iPad is an initiative that will allow students who have an iPad (**2015 or above**) to bring them to school to use for educational purposes to meet their learning needs under the direction of a teacher.

### Is the BYO iPad Program mandatory?

No, if parents opt not to provide a personal device there will still be access to a limited number of shared school owned iPads for use in the classroom.

### Can my child bring an iPad later in the school year?

Yes, if you have decided to purchase an iPad for your child as part of the BYO iPad program during the year, please discuss the BYO iPad User Agreement 2018 with your child **and consent via Compass**. All recommended specifications must be met and recommended apps must be installed before bringing the BYO iPad to school.

### What are the benefits of BYO iPads?

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally-owned devices that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own pace. With digital learning, every student can access high quality and rigorous instruction, thereby maximising their opportunity for success in school and beyond. Specific Benefits include:

- Allows for personalised learning
- Improved student learning outcomes
- Improved collaboration
- Give students greater choice and more independence
- It creates a model for lifelong learning
- Smooth transition between home and school
- Provides easier student access to online instructional materials
- Supplements school resources and equipment
- Normalisation of technology

## **What devices are permitted for 2018?**

Later generation iPad models (2015+) (3G/ 4G disabled for school) with a robust case. This minimum standard may be reviewed and updated annually to reflect the fast-paced nature of technological change.

## **Why can't other devices other than iPads be used at school?**

At this stage, we only use iPads at POPS because our network is set up to accommodate these devices and we have an Apple server. Staff have been trained to use iPads and are familiar with these devices.

## **Where and when can I buy a suitable iPad?**

Parents may buy devices from any Apple supplier or retailer.

## **What happens if a student uses a device inappropriately?**

The BYO iPad User Agreement will outline the sanctions for inappropriate use of devices and network. Students and their parents will be required to read and discuss the BYO iPad User Agreement and the consequences of misuse are understood before network access is provided.

## **What about security, theft and damage to the physical device?**

The iPad will be the responsibility of the student. iPads will be stored in classrooms during class time and at break time. Students will be educated in the proper care and appropriate use of their device. Parents will be advised to review their insurance policies to ensure that BYO iPad are covered outside the home, and to provide a suitable protective bag for the device. The school will accept no responsibility for the security or safety of the device.

## **Do I need a warranty?**

We strongly recommend that all devices have some form of extended warranty. While research shows that students take much better care of a device which belongs to them than a school provided device, accidents happen.

## **How will devices be connected to the school network?**

Students will be provided with wireless access on the school network **after consent has given via Compass**. Technical support will be provided to ensure that students can access the secured wireless network. 3G/4G connection will not be allowed and parents will have to password protect their 3G/4G connection so students do NOT access this unfiltered network whilst at school.

**What filtering will be provided when students connect their own iPad?**

The standard filter which is currently provided on the school network will apply to student owned devices if they connect to the school network in line with the Acceptable Use Policy.

**What is the policy for charging personally owned devices while at school?**

It is expected that personally owned devices are brought into school with a full charge. Students will be made aware that the school is not responsible to provide an opportunity or the necessary power to charge their iPad during the school day.

**What apps/programs do I need to purchase for an iPad?**

A list of educational apps and programs will be provided by the school for the iPad. These should be purchased and installed prior to the commencement of the school year. Most educational apps selected will be free and parents should budget for some paid apps.

**What accessories are required or do you recommend?**

All iPad are required to be placed in a protective case/cover and sleeve. You must insure that students have a school bag which is suitable for transporting the iPad safely.

**What about viruses?**

No computer is immune to viruses or spam so it will be mandatory that all students protect themselves through virus protection programs or apps. Virus protection will need to be regularly updated and scans carried out. If a device is found to have out-of-date or no anti-virus at all, it will be removed from the network until anti-virus protection has been updated.

**How much of the time will students be using their own device?**

Teachers will direct students to use devices where they are the best tool for learning. This will vary between year groups and subjects studied.

**Will the school network be able to cope with BYO iPad?**

A thorough network audit has been undertaken to ensure that there is sufficient wireless network coverage for the number of students, number of iPads and activities which will be undertaken as part of the BYO iPad Program.

**What technical support will be available to students in school?**

There will be no formal technical support other than providing the wireless connectivity for students. Teachers will continue to be trained on how to best utilise technology to enhance the learning experience and learning outcomes of their students, although they are not expected to be technical experts.

**What training will be provided for students?**

As part of the introduction of a BYO iPad program students will undergo training on the Acceptable Use Agreement. Students will also receive training on, health and safety when using electronic devices, cyberbullying and cybersafety, plus anything else which the school deems appropriate.

**Who can I contact for further information?** Please contact Bronwyn Garrity, Judi Debono, Jessica Oakey