



## MIAMI STATE SCHOOL

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**VISION I** We are an empowered learning community, striving for excellence.

Dear Parents / Carers

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### **"Exciting Things are happening at Miami State School"**

As we continue to innovate and adapt in a world that is ever changing for our students, Miami State School will become a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD iPad) school from 2023 starting with your student (our current Year 3 students). This will be a gradual roll out over the next 3 years until all students in Years 4, 5 and 6 in 2025 and beyond will be a part of the school's BYOD Program.

The Miami State School 1:1 iPad program:

- Allows for personalised learning
- Facilitates the development of 21st century knowledge and skills
- Creates a model for lifelong learning
- Provides an engaging, interactive learning environment
- Strengthens links between home and school
- Allows continuous access to educational materials allowing learning to happen anywhere, anytime

The advantages of using an iPad include:

- access to knowledge and information using a variety of content and creation apps (many of which are free) to support student learning;
- access to a wealth of information on the Internet when they need it through wireless connectivity;
- access to rich media including digital stories, image and video;
- increased productivity through quick loading of apps and quick response of the iPad;
- the iPads operating system is very reliable, ensuring maximum up-time;
- provides simple yet sophisticated text, audio and video-based communication facilities for collaboration with peers, teachers and experts in a local, national or global context;
- ability to personalise learning and provide work targeted at the correct level for students;
- high student engagement both independently and collaboratively.

Miami's BYOD program is designed to enrich the learning process, and enhance and extend the type of work being done by students. Our school philosophy is to use technology to develop logical thinking, problem solving, creativity and control techniques that allow our students to become 21st century learners. We adopt an active creation stance, as opposed to being a passive consumer. As a school we also understand that the use of technology is not a replacement but a modification on the delivery of the curriculum. The importance of handwriting will remain strong as children need to combine fine motor skills, language, memory and concentration to progress through each stage of handwriting development. **This term we will be holding a parent information session detailing some specifics and also to provide parents an opportunity to ask questions. Dates and times for this session will be advised shortly!**

More information will follow soon via notes home and SeeSaw.

Regards

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Deputy Principal / Principal

