



MIAMI STATE SCHOOL

Growing with Knowledge

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Dear Parents / Carers

As we continue to innovate and adapt in a world that is ever changing for our students, Miami State School is a BYOD (Bring Your Own iPad) school for students in Years 4 - 6. This roll out commenced in 2023 and is now an embedded program at Miami State School.

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.

Information will continue to be shared in the coming weeks and months as we work together to prepare your child for the transition to Year 4.

Regards

Jemille Malouf
Principal

Ben Edmunds
Deputy Principal





To help families plan ahead, we are sharing this information as early as possible to provide time to prepare for our 2027 Year 4 BYOD program. There is no action required at this stage.

- ***There is no need to purchase an iPad yet or return the pink User Agreement form at this stage.***
- ***We are still finalising the JB Hi-Fi purchasing portal, which will provide families with access to the approved education pricing and purchasing process.***
- ***A finalised App list will be shared at the end of the year.***

Once this has been confirmed, we will communicate the next steps, including when purchase portals are accessible and when to return the required paperwork.

It is important to know that if you already have an iPad that matches the minimum specifications listed: (Apple iPad 9th generation or later) then purchase of a new iPad is not necessary.

Our aim is to make the process as straightforward and stress-free as possible for all families.

Included in your pack today:

- Introductory Letter to BYOD at Miami SS
- BYOD Parent Invitation
- 2027 Miami BYOD iPad User Agreement (Yr 4, 5 and 6) (Pink Form)
- BYOD Parent Booklet
 - o Learning in Action
 - o Why BYOD
 - o Practical Information for Families
 - o BYOD and the Curriculum
 - o Alignment to Departmental Policies
- BYOD Charter
 - o Including Routines, Procedures and Frequently Asked Questions
- Minimum Requirements Information (Blue Form)