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iPad Program FAQs

Q: Why allow only iPads and no other mobile devices or laptops?

A: We believe in a consistent approach to ensure best productivity with regards to maximising student learning outcomes and providing technical support to students and parents when necessary. Apple Schools will be the platform we will be utilising for teaching and learning.

Q: How much of the day will the iPads be used? Will the students still be using pencil and paper as well as handwriting?

A: Yes, students will still continue to use pencil and paper and to practice handwriting. The amount of time that students spend on their iPad each day will vary based on how well the iPad, as a tool to support learning, benefits individual students and learning experiences. Some learning experiences will continue to use pen and paper and hands on materials.

Q: Will the iPads be managed at home or at school e.g. loading apps, updating the iPad?

A: The iPads will need to be managed at home, however we can provide some technical support at school if the need arises. Parents can choose to load additional apps that are not necessarily required by the school, however the use of such apps that are not of educational value, will be limited at school.

Q: Will I be expected to purchase a brand new iPad and do I have to purchase from a particular store e.g. Apple?

A: No, you can choose to use an iPad that you already own or purchase a used iPad, as long as it meets minimum specifications. We will not recommend a store where you can purchase an iPad. We do not endorse any one store, however the Apple store can support you to set up the iPad. Parents will have access to various portals where purchases can be made. Alternately, Parents are able to purchase from a store of their choice.

Q: What are the minimum specifications required for my device?

A: Students are required to have a full sized iPad (minimum 6th generation and 64gb storage), screen protector, shockproof case with integrated keyboard and headphones (can be used from previous years).

Q: Should we purchase a case/cover for the iPad and if so, which one should we buy?

A: Yes, a shockproof case with an integrated keyboard is required. Please see below as an example



Q: Should we purchase a screen protector?

A: You should consider purchasing a glass or plastic screen protector to help protect the iPad's glass screen from damage.

Q: Will students continue to have access to computers and other technologies?

A: Yes. All students at Miami State School will continue to have access to computer labs and other relevant Digital Technologies to support them with their learning.

Q: Can my child bring a 3G enabled iPad without the SIM?

A: Yes. The reason why we do not want externally controlled internet access is that by having the students go through our school's wireless network, they are also going through Education Queensland internet filters, helping prevent and protect our students from accessing inappropriate content.

Q: Are we required to purchase a stylus pen?

A: No, we are recommending that students do not bring a stylus to school.

Q: When buying a used iPad, what do I need to be aware of?

A: Every iPad has a serial number and with this number Apple can track the date and place of purchase, length of any remaining warranty, and whether it has been reported as stolen. Before buying a used iPad, it may be worthwhile noting the serial number and contacting Apple Care.

Q: Is my child required to know our Apple ID and password?

A: No.

Q: I can't remember the passcode that is set on my iPad and it is locked. How do I unlock it?

A: You will need to restore the iPad to a previous backup.

Q: What third party consent requirements are there for app use?

A: Current third-party consent forms already in use at Miami State School will be updated to include the required apps.

Q: How will behaviour be monitored on iPads?

A: The use of iPads will be added to the school's PBL Behaviour Expectations Matrix to reflect Miami's Respectful, Safe Learners focus areas. All expectations will be explicitly taught to students regularly including how to navigate online safely as well as consistent expectations around the day to day use of iPads. Appropriate use of ICT's are already included in the Student Code of Conduct however this will be updated to include the iPad BYOD Program.

Apple classrooms will be utilised to ensure students are engaged and focused on the required task. Classroom is a powerful app for iPad and Mac that helps teachers guide learning, share work, and manage student devices. It supports both shared and one-to-one environments. Teachers can launch a specific app, website, or textbook page on any iPad in the class, share documents between teacher and students, or share student work on a TV, monitor, or projector using Apple TV. Teachers can even see which apps students are working in, mute student devices, assign a specific shared iPad for each student, and reset a student's password. And when class ends, you can see a summary of your students' activities.

Q: Will students be disadvantaged if they do not have a charged iPad or it is being repaired?

A: No, students will not be disadvantaged. There will be access to a small number of loan iPads for students whose iPad is being repaired. Students will be expected to come to school with a charged iPad daily

Q: What are the costings for the iPad requirements?

A: Once live portals have been opened for parents to access, costings will be clearly outlined including the ability to shop at a variety of different stores some of which include no deposit, interest free options. There will be the mandatory requirements listed as well as optional purchases that are not mandatory.

Q: Who will be involved in the Year 4 BYOD classes?

A: Teachers have self-nominated their interest to be a part of the BYOD Program. Regular and ongoing Professional Development will continue to occur with both internal and external team members to continue to upskill the Miami staff on the use of iPads in the classroom.

Q: Will students receive the same amount of feedback on their work?

A: Yes, students will receive the same amount of feedback on their work.

Q: Will class sizes change (increase) due to the BYOD Program?

A: No, class sizes will not increase and are mandated by the Department of Education.

Q: What will be the complete cost of the apps required?

A: At it stands currently, nearly all of the apps required will be free. There may be a very small number that will need to be purchased however the bulk will be free.

Q: Will YMCA follow the same expectations around before and after school?

A: Yes, meetings between Miami SS and YMCA have occurred and they will be following the same expectations around storage and safety of iPads before and after school. iPads will not be used at YMCA and the same routines and timetables will continue as they currently are.

Q: Why is the BYOD Program being introduced from Year 4 and not from Year 6?

A: There are links throughout the Australian Curriculum with ICT General Capabilities threaded throughout.

Q: Is the iPad BYOD a mandatory program for students in Years 4, 5 and 6?

A: Yes, with the rollout occurring throughout the next 3 years before becoming embedded practice from 2026 onwards for students in Years 4, 5 and 6.

Q: Where do I buy the iPad from?

A: While we cannot recommend where to buy your child's iPad from there will be portals opened online (with links on our school website) that can allow you to shop around and purchase from a retailer of your choice. These costings will be clearly outlined including the ability to shop at a variety of different stores some of which include no deposit, interest free options. Alternatively, you may wish to purchase from a different store one you have researched the options yourself.