



BYOD
(Bring Your Own Device)
iPad Initiative
INFORMATION BOOKLET
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Swanbourne PS BYOD iPad Initiative

At Swanbourne Primary School, we strive to provide the best learning opportunities possible for our students. We are always seeking new and innovative ways to help our students achieve and 'Strive for Excellence'.

Our current Year 4 – 6 students and teachers have achieved some wonderful digital technology outcomes in 2024. We hope to build on these celebrations and improve the program in 2025 across Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

How will this initiative make a difference?

Increasing the number of iPad devices across our school enhances the ability for both students and teachers to access and achieve the digital technologies curriculum.

Additional devices on hand, when students and teachers need them, is the immediate benefit to a school BYOD program. Our long-term goal is to provide consistent and reliable inquiry-based digital technology learning across all year levels that prepare students for secondary school and beyond.

Schools in our area and across the state operate BYOD iPad programs, with most schools using iPads across middle and upper primary classes.

Our goal was to achieve a 1:1 (device to student) ratio across the school, which we successfully achieved in Years 4 – 6 in the years 2018 - 2024. We were able to supply each cohort with a class set of iPads due to the large uptake of personal iPads by Swanbourne Families, freeing up other devices to be used widely around the school. This goal has been achieved through a combination of school-owned devices and BYOD devices over the last five years. We hope to see this continue through the support and uptake of personal iPads.

Curriculum

Swanbourne Primary School staff have spent considerable time formulating the Digital Technology and STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) vision and strategic plan for the school.

Four significant areas emerged that were requirements for student use. These were content creation, developing higher-order thinking skills, inquiry learning practices and global connections.

The Western Australian Curriculum mandates the integration of digital technologies across all learning areas. The BYOD iPad initiative aims to provide our students with consistent and flexible access to a digital technology device.

As part of implementing the Western Australian Curriculum, schools are expected to:

- Teach social and ethical protocols and practices for using information and technology
- Ensure students conduct investigations using technology and inquiry practices
- Provide opportunities for students to be creative and innovative
- Teach students how to communicate ideas and present information using technology
- Teach students how to manage information and operate technology

Important points when considering the 2025 BYOD iPad initiative:

- This program is voluntary. However, due to the increased number of students requiring a school-owned iPad, devices have been taken from other cohorts to accommodate this. In some cases, students who do not have a personal device may have to share 2:1 (student to iPad). This is because we must meet the school business plan of having a cohort set of iPads allocated to each year group.
- This program aims to provide families with the option to purchase an iPad at a reduced rate through the CompNow Purchasing Portal. (Department of Education discounted price)
- Parents may organise their own iPad leasing arrangement or provide an iPad that is currently owned, that meets the required specifications
- An iPad is a learning tool for students, supporting and consolidating learning and engaging students in the digital technologies curriculum
- An iPad does not replace the explicit teaching of knowledge, skills and processes
- A one-to-one device focus enables students to save, access and share their work
- Students will be taught how to find and use digital information safely and appropriately
- Jamf Parent is a free iPhone, iPad, Apple Watch, and Android app that allows you to manage your children's school-issued mobile devices. Using Jamf Parent, you can restrict and allow apps and device functionality on your children's devices. You can only manage your children's devices with Jamf Parent during the time periods specified by your school hours.
- Students and parents are required to sign a Digital Technologies User Agreement
- Students will learn the skills needed to care for a device

- The school is **not responsible** for any damages to personal devices and insurance for your device should be considered.
- Improved access to the digital technologies' curriculum supports our students to achieve milestones set in the curriculum and prepares them for future education and beyond. Teachers are supported, mentored and coached to adapt to using iPads and meeting the requirements set in the West Australian Curriculum.

Improved access to digital devices through a BYOD program assists students and teachers with meeting the digital technologies curriculum requirements by:

- Minimising the wait time for a device to become available to commence a digital technologies-related task
- Providing the necessary flexibility to work on supervised internet-related research at any given time in class
- Providing options for teachers to differentiate the curriculum to meet differing learning styles and student abilities
- Minimising the possibility of student documents being edited or deleted by other students
- Improving management and security processes through each device being individually monitored

The BYOD iPad initiative is NOT:

- Technology for the sake of technology, at the expense of daily face-to-face teaching
- Replacing pen and paper, or the teaching of correct handwriting or fine motor skills
- Replacing active outdoor activities
- Apps and programs replacing teachers' explicit instructions

Which iPad models can be used?

These products have been specifically chosen as they are the most suitable for student use within schools. The Swanbourne Primary iPad technology initiative requirements are listed below.

Minimum specification:

- iPadOS 18
- 64 GB storage [256 GB recommended if purchasing new]
- Minimum screen size 9.5" (not a mini-iPad)
- A robust protective case (preferably with a non-Bluetooth inbuilt keyboard)

The recommended size for an iPad in an educational environment is 64GB. Items that can be stored on the iPad include apps, photos, videos, and other media.

A 64GB capacity will enable students to store their work without having to manage the content externally.

It is anticipated that a new iPad will have a useful life of around three years. This is important to consider when making a purchasing decision.

Please be advised if you are purchasing a 10th Gen iPad, there is no headphone jack on the port and the charge port changes from Lightning to USB C. An adapter can be purchased for USB C to 3.5mm headphone jack through retailers.

Purchasing an iPad - Advice for Parents

Many local retailers are involved in supplying BYOD iPads for students. Please use the above specifications to guide your purchases. Retailers should also provide packages that include the iPad, case, keypad, setup support and related services. The choice of retailer or leasing agreements for iPads is at the discretion of families.

CompNow Purchasing Portal

A purchasing portal has been established by CompNow for your convenience. This ensures our families purchase the required iPad specifications and accessories at a discounted education price.

The CompNow portal can be directly accessed using the following link:

<https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/swanbourne-ps>

Please note there are different options available for purchase. The 9th Gen iPads come in 64GB or 256GB storage. All iPads come with an extended 2-year warranty bundled in and we recommend the ZAGG protective case and keyboard to meet all education needs. As Apple is expected to announce new devices to their portfolio, CompNow is positioning the device being manufactured by Apple and will update the portal if Apple announces a replacement product. If you would like to wait for the new products, please allow 2 months. If no changes occur, please assume the product on the portal is the latest and greatest iPad fit for education purchases currently available.

This purchasing portal also allows for the option to purchase AppleCare+ cover.

Apps and Security?

- All of our apps will be managed by a Mobile Device Management system or MDM. This is called Jamf School. Parents may also request access to the parent version of this system for home use.
- The Department of Education has several firewalls in place between both school and BYOD devices and the internet. All internet traffic is filtered and monitored to ensure safety and appropriate usage. Firewall and URL blocklists and definition files are constantly maintained by a subscription to Fortinet's Fortiguard.
- Teacher supervision and student user agreements also form essential elements of our security and information management system.
- Apple Classroom is an app that will be used to monitor student activity on iPads during lessons in the classroom.
- Students will be exposed to various educational apps to enhance their learning and expand their digital technology skills, as well as their knowledge and understanding.

How will iPads be secured at school?

- Students will not be permitted to use their iPads on the school grounds, before school, at recess or lunch, or after school.
- If the device is left at school overnight, it will be securely locked in the classroom. Classrooms will be routinely locked when no one is present.
- Upon arrival at school, students will be required to store their iPads in a secure location in their classroom designated by their classroom teacher.
- iPads **are not** to be used before or after school hours if on school premises without supervision (e.g. waiting at the kiss and drop or outside classrooms).

What if the device is damaged or lost?

We do everything reasonable to ensure that all devices are used appropriately and remain safe.

No responsibility is taken by the school for the loss or damage of personal iPads. The school recommends parents consult their home and contents insurance to ensure the iPad is covered on route and at school.

Apple has AppleCare+ protection in Australia which provides for extended warranty and support. We do everything reasonable to ensure that all devices are used appropriately and remain safe. No responsibility is taken by the school for the loss or damage of personal iPads.

Who will be responsible for charging the iPads?

iPads will need to be charged each night at home for personal iPads. Charging stations will be available at school for those without their own iPads. Students need to learn to take responsibility for charging their own devices as part of owning and managing a device.

Learning tools for the future

Embracing the BYOD program throughout the school will generate a more interactive and engaging teaching and learning program.

Access to digital tools through this initiative will enable students to develop a deeper knowledge and understanding of information systems which support them to be creative and discerning decision-makers as they select, use and manage data, information, processes and digital systems.

These qualities will help students meet not only their immediate learning needs but will shape their future in a technologically advanced world.

We look forward to seeing our students' digital capabilities increase over time.

Yours truly,

BYOD iPad Initiative Committee