



WHY APPLE IPADS?



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# 1:1 iPad Program at Piara Waters Primary School

Piara Waters Primary School aims to create engaging 21st Century learning opportunities for all its students. This includes opportunities for authentic collaboration, teamwork, innovation, creating and publishing in new and contemporary ways. Students in Years 3 to 6 are invited to participate in the Piara Waters Primary School 1:1 iPad Program, where they are able to bring their own iPad device to school each day. This is a voluntary program and any students who do not have their own device will have access to shared school-owned devices. Students will still learn to read and write and participate in activities using hands-on materials. iPads will be used to enhance current programs, not replace them.

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- **Community**

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  - **Collaboration**

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  - **Contemporary**

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## Rationale

Apple iPad programs are now common across schools in Australia. Our Western Australian Curriculum states that students need to learn to use Information and Communication Technology (ICT) effectively and appropriately. Through our iPad program at Piara Waters Primary School's we are providing students with authentic learning challenges that foster innovation and creativity. Learning happens in the moment and children are creating and investigating in ways that were unimaginable in the past.

Piara Waters Primary School believes in creating tomorrow's learners today. In an increasingly technological and complex world it is important to develop knowledge and skills that are transferable to home life, community contribution, the world of work and developing responsible digital citizenship. Through the practical application of technologies, students develop the skills to be inspired and creative, think collaboratively, accept challenges, solve problems and be community- focussed. Our students will be supported in developing their confidence, curiosity and persistence through using an iPad in the classroom.

A 1:1 iPad program is essential in providing students with maximum opportunities to demonstrate their individual strengths and enhance daily learning experiences.

## Why Apple iPads?

**Portable:** iPads are designed to allow for freedom of expression and freedom of movement; students can use this device easily inside and outside of the classroom. It is lightweight and durable and, made from aluminium to withstand hands-on learning.

**Responsive:** iPad is designed to work the way students think. The multi-touch features on iPad allow students to tap, swipe, drag and drop from the moment they pick it up. This feature allows students of all ages to fully engage in the learning experience.

**Accessibility:** iPad has a range of built-in accessibility features to support students of all ages and abilities. For example, Speak Screen, Speak Selection and magnifier, to name a few.

## Device Requirements



To ensure compatibility with the school and classroom needs, we ask that all iPads please have the following features:

- The device must be an iPad (5th Gen) or an iPad Pro
- The iPad must have iOS 11 installed (minimum)
- Have 32gb of storage or more (128gb)

To assist students learning we also ask the following accessories be brought in with the iPad:

- Protective casing/ screen protector
- Headphones (as purchased on booklist)
- Stylus (optional)

**Reliable & Stable:** The iPad operating system has a reputation of being robust and intuitive. It's simplicity makes for easy use at all levels. With an all-day battery life, iPad lets students be productive and creative throughout the school day without having to stop and recharge.

**Continuity:** Apple devices have proven to last through many years of schooling and iPad is an effective learning tool in the early years of schooling right through upper primary and high-school. Apps perform the same way across all recent versions of the iPad, allowing a consistent user experience and making it easy to cater for a range of devices over time. The Apple ID system allows users to change devices without losing any apps.

**Apple App Store:** iPad comes with built in core apps allowing students to discover and create straight away. The App Store has over 180 000 apps specifically designed with an educational focus. Apps perform the same way on all recent versions of the iPad, making it easier to cater for a variety of devices over time. Apple updates are pushed through automatically, ensuring users are consistently using the most up to date versions of the software.

**Support:** All other primary schools in our area are using iPad, allowing for collaboration and support amongst schools. Our teachers have opportunities to participate in iPad related professional learning in order to provide our students with the best possible learning experiences. Families can have access to AppleCare; this service can provide up to two years of technical support and hardware coverage.

**Collaboration:** An iPad learning environment allows for collaboration and sharing. Features such as Airdrop give students the capacity to share information and work easily, increasing productivity and learning.

## Frequently Asked Questions

**If my child already has a tablet that is not an iPad, can they use it at school? I.e. Android or Windows.**

No. To maximise the effectiveness of our program a common device is essential. This will ensure that your child's device has compatibility with school systems, other classroom devices and learning programs. It will also allow teachers and students to collaborate, share and develop a common language around the use of ICT in school.

## Purchasing



There are a number of options you may wish to consider when buying your child's iPad.

Piara Waters Primary School has partnered with Winthrop Australia. This enables you to access discounted devices and protective cases, an AppleCare+ Protection Plan, options for insurance and financing, home delivery of your device, and ongoing access to Winthrop's Service Portal in the event that your child's device needs repair.

Winthrop provides many different options for purchasing, including bundled packages. Please see the school website for more details on this <http://www.piarawatersps.wa.edu.au/leasing-11/>

Please note that you may choose to purchase your child's device elsewhere. We do leave this choice entirely up to you, but please keep in mind all the requirements and insurances when purchasing from other stores as privately purchased devices will not have access to the technical support provided to students whose device is procured through the school's 1:1 program.

### **If my child or the family already have an iPad can they use it at school?**

Yes, as long as it has all the device requirements that have been previously outlined.

### **Will my child's personal iPad be shared?**

No, each class will have a small bank of school iPads that can be used. Situations will arise in which students will work together in groups, but they will always be in charge of their own device in these situations.

### **What is the cost of the apps?**

Most applications used will already come with the iPad (iOS 11). We please ask that you or your child NOT delete any apps when purchasing. Parents will receive an App List and teachers will ask that parents load any apps to their child's iPad. Where possible we endeavour to use free apps. Any paid apps will be purchased by the parent using the \$30 voucher that has been placed on the student booklist.

### **Does the school have a policy on appropriate use of the iPad at school?**

Yes, an iPad agreement will need to be signed at the beginning of the school year before students are able to use their iPads.

### **Will my child still learn to read and write?**

Yes! Literacy and Numeracy are the top priorities at Piara Waters Primary School. Students will still learn to write and use hands on materials daily. We believe that the 1:1 program will aid and enhance students learning across a range of learning areas.

### **How are students supported in cyber safety practices?**

Cyber safety programs are taught at school on a regular basis and will be reinforced as part of the 1:1 program. Students will be taught how to handle technology in an appropriate manner. Clear expectations will be set for students with regard to device ethics, etiquette during lessons and consequences reinforced. Importantly, parents also need to be aware of their child's activities online at home and how they are using the Internet.

### **Can my child access social media apps and sites at school?**

The Department of Education and Piara Waters Primary School have filtering tools in place. Filtering tools restrict access to sites and apps that are not of educational value or that may be misused by students.

## *Insurance*



iPads brought to school are not covered by the Piara Waters Primary School or Department of Education's insurance. If the iPad is damaged at school it is the parent's responsibility to pay the insurance excess and any other repair costs which might occur. Parents will need to ensure that iPads are insured through their personal home and contents insurance or if iPads are purchased through Winthrop Australia, that you have purchased the Optional 2 Year AppleCare or Protecsure Insurance option.

**My child has downloaded apps that I do not think he/she should be using. What should I do?**

Parents are responsible for how the device is used at home and what is downloaded. Parents are strongly encouraged to develop 'household rules' and to discuss the sites that their child has asked to use. If you feel anything inappropriate has been installed then it should be removed.

**I am concerned that my child is using their device inappropriately.**

If you are unsure, openly discuss these concerns with your child. The use of devices in class will be actively monitored by teachers. Misuse of a device will be treated the same as any other distracting activity and normal classroom discipline rules will apply. If you are unsure please discuss with the classroom teacher.

**Can my child put their own programs/songs/media on their device?**

Yes, as long as the media has been obtained legally and from reputable sources and does not breach any copyright laws. Sufficient space must remain to ensure the educational needs of the device can still be met.

**How often should a device be charged?**

It is expected that students will bring their device to school fully-charged each day. It is recommended that the devices are charged overnight prior to each school day.

**Should my child be spending a lot of time completing homework on their device?**

Homework and device activities will vary depending on the tasks set across each term. The device is a tool to support learning and should be used in an open and transparent manner. Ask your child to show you how they are using the device to support their learning. If the device is not required for a task, it is best that it is put away or shut down for that period of time.

**How can my child protect the device from accidental damage?**

All devices should be kept in a protective case and used with due care. In addition, a compact tablet bag is very worthwhile to help students carry the devices to and from school. This can be purchased via the portal or you may choose to supply your own. Students are also instructed not to leave devices on the floor, near food or water or use it in a careless manner.

## Security



Students are to be responsible for their iPads during school hours, and are not allowed to remove their iPads from their classrooms during recess and lunch. During this time, the iPads will be locked away in the classroom. The security of the iPad outside of school hours is the responsibility of the parent/carers. Direct internet access will be monitored by individual classroom teachers. To support this, protections are also in place via the Department of Education while connected to the school Wi-Fi.