St Anthony’s iPad Program
2016
Information for Parents

Educating 21st Century Learners

As part of the move to a contemporary one to one learning environment, students in Year 4 will require an iPad in 2016. They will use it at school and at home as directed by their teacher.

The One to One iPad program will utilise the Apple iPad. The minimum requirement for the program is an Apple iPad mini 3 Retina Wi-Fi 64GB. (iPad Air 2 with 64GB Wi-Fi only is also acceptable). We do recommend a later model iPad to ensure the operating system and apps are supported for the 3 years of use at school. It is highly recommended that the 3G model is not used. If a 3G model is purchased, the 3G sim will need to be removed from the device before entering the school. It is also recommended that a sturdy cover is purchased to protect the iPad from accidental damage.

Frequently Asked Questions

We hope that this FAQ will answer any questions parents will have about the program.

- **What happens if my son/daughter already has an iPad?**
  If your child already has an iPad at home and it meets the minimum requirements we recommend they use it.

- **What if I simply can’t afford to buy an iPad for my child?**
  Please see the Principal in cases of genuine financial hardship and your particular circumstances can be discussed and alternatives considered.

- **If I don’t already have an iPad for my child to use, where can I purchase one?**
  You may purchase an iPad that meets the minimum requirements from any iPad retailer Or
  You can use the Parent Portal set up for the school by Datacom Australia. This portal can be found at [http://www.myschoolshop.net.au](http://www.myschoolshop.net.au) Store Code: SAS2015 and can be used to purchase or lease the iPad. There are also options available through the portal to include insurance and a cover for the iPad.

- **How long will we have the iPad for?**
  Your child will need an iPad for years 4, 5 & 6 at St Anthony’s.

- **Will the iPads be insured or do I need to arrange this myself?**
  New iPads come with a 12-month Limited Warranty. However this warranty does not cover accidental damage, loss or theft. It is highly recommended that parents fully insure their child’s iPad. This may be done through your own personal Home & Contents policy. Please contact your insurance company for more information. If you choose the leasing option, insurance is included in your lease payments.

- **Will parents be required to pay for Apps?**
  Yes. Students/Parents will be required to download specific apps as directed by the school. The program will commence with a specific set of apps that will need to be downloaded and this list may be added to during the course of each year.
  It is proposed that St Anthony’s will provide a website where students are directed to the apps required for their iPad. The website will specify exactly what apps are required and provide a direct link to the App Store. There is no cost to use this website, however there may be a cost for downloading a required App. Further information will be required about creating an iTunes account for school use.

- **Will my child be able to charge their iPad at school?**
  No. The iPad will need to come to school fully charged each day. It will easily last the length of the school day.
Frequently Asked Questions (Continued)

• **How much time will students use the iPads in the classrooms?**
  It is envisaged that the students will use their iPads around 40% of class time. The iPads will be integrated into the curriculum to support and enhance our current educational programs. The iPad program will support current teaching and learning plans and will assist in developing higher order thinking skills.

• **Could my child have their iPad confiscated during school time?**
  Yes. The school reserves the right to remove the iPad from the student and securely store it until the end of the day if the student is in breach of the acceptable use policy or code of conduct. Should this occur, parents will be contacted.

• **Will students need an Apple ID?**
  Yes. As the requirement for an Apple ID is to be over 13 years of age, parents will need to create this ID in their name using their email address. Even if parents have an existing Apple ID, it is highly recommended that a new one be created for school use.

• **Are students allowed to have other apps, games and music installed on their iPad?**
  Yes. The device can be personalised by students, but priority should be given to the educational apps stipulated by the school. Other apps will not be allowed to be used during the school day and if are deemed inappropriate, parents may be asked to remove the app.

• **What if my child forgets to bring their iPad to school one day?**
  If there is a school iPad available, then they may be able to borrow it, otherwise they will need to complete activities without it and possibly catch up in their own time. If this occurs regularly, parents will be contacted by phone.

• **Where does the iPad stay during the day?**
  The iPads will stay in the classroom and may go with the students to a specialist class. They will remain in the students’ desks in a locked classroom during recess and lunch.

• **Will there be any support for parents if the iPads are to be used at home?**
  Yes. The school will offer parent information sessions at various times throughout the year for parents to ask questions and get some hands on experience using the iPad.

• **How will the school regulate the use of the iPad at home?**
  The school is unable to regulate the use of the iPad apps or internet use whilst the child is off campus. We encourage parents to be aware of what their children are doing on any form of technology, particularly internet enabled and strongly encourage use of those devices in family areas, not private (such as bedrooms).