



ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Year 7 BYODD iPad Program 2018

Welcome to the iPad Program at St Joseph's Catholic High School. We look forward to supporting your child's learning next year as they adapt to learning in the High School environment using an iPad.

Over recent years, we have been focused on developing a whole school approach to quality teaching and learning in order to improve student outcomes. One of our goals has been to maximise learning outcomes and life opportunities by empowering our students to take ownership of their learning. It is our intention to expose all our students to engaging learning experiences that are designed to meet their individual needs.

St Joseph's Catholic High School has integrated a BYODD (Bring Your Own Digital Device) iPad Program for all students in Year 7. This program is to prepare them for a world that demands they address and manage information, communication and collaboration in many areas of the work place and their personal life.

We are asking parents to purchase an iPad for use at school and home, enabling communication and collaboration among peers and teachers. This is a high quality tool that will be used for creative and engaging learning. Students will also have around the clock access to resources and learning support material to assist them in their learning journey.

BYODD means that parents and students will own, and are personally responsible for the devices that they are using at school. BYODD means that you can decide where you will purchase your child's iPad from and you are encouraged to take advantage of any deals on offer. If parents have entered into a warranty agreement with suppliers, all warranty repairs should be followed up with suppliers. The school will not be responsible for the repair or replacement of iPads. Parents should also consider sourcing a suitable insurance for the device to cover breakages and other mishaps.

If your child currently has an iPad for their exclusive use at school, that iPad should be suitable, provided that it is able to run as a minimum IOS10. We have found some older models of the iPad cannot update to current operating systems and this interferes with the student's learning. Similarly an iPad Mini does NOT meet the minimum size requirements for NAPLAN Online testing (commencing 2018), and so it is not suitable for your child's use. If you need to purchase a new iPad, then a WiFi iPad Air 2 (5th Gen) beginning with the 32GB starting at \$429 is currently the best value. Although the Pro models are cutting-edge-technology, we consider them to be too expensive.

Mac 1 will provide discounted iPads for St Joseph's families. Compare prices at their online portal store at <https://portal.mac1.com.au/sjchs/>.

We also recommend that the iPad is WiFi only — not Cellular. This means there are no additional internet usage charges, and your child will only be connected to the internet when WiFi is available (at school for example).

Whilst you can determine which iPad you purchase, a suitable carry case that covers the corners and protects the front face of the iPad to protect it in their school bag needs to be purchased.

Before coming to school in Term 1, 2018, it is expected that parents will have purchased the iPad and set up the Apple ID using the student's email address. Please note that students require their own Apple ID, they cannot share an Apple ID with a parent or other family member.

Early next year, the required Apps list will be communicated to you. Using your child's Apple ID, you will be able to download the Apps. The benefit of this is that you own the device and the Apps installed on an iTunes account stay with the owner, so even if you have a new device your Apps go with you!

Students will be expected to act responsibly when using their iPad at school. Every student will need to read and agree to follow the St Joseph's Catholic High School Technology Policy and Internet Usage Agreement. Students will need to use the schools Wi-Fi whilst at school so that Internet browsing will be filtered. At home, it is the responsibility of parents/carers to monitor their child's iPad use.

If you currently do not own an iPad and are not in a financial position to acquire one, please contact the Principal and he will make appropriate arrangements for your situation.

Yours sincerely

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