

St Joseph's Catholic High School has an integrated a BYODD (Bring Your Own Digital Device) Apple iPad/Laptop Program for all students. This program is to prepare them for a world that demands they address and manage information, communication and collaboration in many areas of the workplace and their personal life. Students will have around the clock access to resources and learning support material to assist them in their learning journey.

For 2020, students will be able to bring an Apple Laptop from as early as Year 7, therefore we are giving families the option to BYODD an iPad or Apple Laptop from Year 7 onwards. This decision has been made to better prepare students for the proper use of a device as an educational tool from earlier on in their high school journey.

### **BYODD**

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 device. 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 devices. Parents should also consider suitable insurance for the device to cover breakages and other mishaps. The school however, can make suggestions for technical issues and recommend suppliers for parts/replacements.

### **iPads**

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 iOS 13. 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.

Minimum iPad models include: iPad Air 2 or newer.

It is strongly recommended that you purchase a suitable, robust case to protect the iPad. The example below is a Griffin Survivor case.



## **Apple Laptop**

Students in Year 10, 11 and 12 are required to have an Apple Laptop running at least OS 10.14 as a minimum. This is the preferred device for years 7 to 9 also, however as stated above, if your child's iPad is able to run as a minimum iOS 13 then this should suffice.

It is strongly recommended that you purchase a suitable, robust case to protect the laptop. The example below is a Targus TANG case.



EducomIT provide a purchasing portal for Apple devices and accessories for St Joseph's families. View their online portal store at <https://www.educomit.com.au/product-category/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).

Before coming to school in Term 1, 2020, it is expected that parents will have purchased the device 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.

Students will be expected to act responsibly when using their device at school. Every student will need to read and agree to follow the CEDoW Student Responsible Use Of Technology Agreement. Students will need to use the school's 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 device use.

If you currently do not own an Apple device and are not in a financial position to acquire one, please contact the Principal prior to the end of term this year (2019) and we will make appropriate arrangements for your situation.

**Students are required to bring their devices, set up with their own Apple ID, FULLY charged on the FIRST day of school.**