

ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL BYO iPad INFORMATION



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ABOUT BYO iPADS AT ROSTRATA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our visions for integrating a 1:1 BYO iPad Program is to enhance learning through the use of readily available technology, allowing access to devices and catering for flexible learning opportunities. In developing this program, we strive to see an improved connection with home environments, readily available access for students to content at a hyper-personalised level and flexible learning opportunities.

This document provides you with thorough information regarding purchasing options and recommendations, as well as answers to questions you may have regarding the program. In addition, we have parent information sessions as the year rolls out for parents to observe the implementation of the program, give feedback and ask questions.



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DEVICE & PURCHASING REQUIREMENTS

Requirements:

To ensure compatibility with the school system & classroom needs, we recommend the following devices:

- * iPad (7th Gen – recommended)
- * iPad (6th Gen)
- * iPad (5th Gen)
- * iPad Pro

Recommended Accessories

- * Headphones
- * Protective casing – STM Dux Cover
- * Stylus – recommendations include a generic stylus, Apple Pencil (1st or 2nd Gen as compatible with your device), or LogiTech Crayon.

+Apple Care

Apple Care can be purchased for a small additional cost and provides a warranty.

More information can be found here : <http://www.apple.com/au/support/products/>

Insurance

Insurance is an important consideration for the device your child brings to school. You can discuss insurance cover for the device with your home and content provider and adding this item to your existing cover.

Purchasing – Winthrop Australia

Rostrata Primary School has partnered with Winthrop Australia, to provide iPads at a discount price to the parent community. Parents are not required to purchase their devices from Winthrop Australia, but doing so does offer the following benefits:

- * discounted education pricing;
- * optional two years AppleCare+ extended warranty;
- * optional two years of insurance;
- * service and insurance support;
- * free shipping to your home address.



MAINTENANCE AND RESPONSIBILITY

Home responsibilities

- * Charge iPad to 100% for each day.
- * Ensure Automatic or Manual updates occur immediately for apps and the device.

Classroom Responsibilities

- * Safe storage of the device in classrooms throughout the day.



SOCIAL MEDIA AND PRIVACY

Social Media and Privacy

As per Department of Education (DoE) guidelines, Internet and Online Services provided to students will primarily be used for learning related activities and require informed parental consent, user agreements and appropriate management. DoE provides online services to students in public schools for learning related activities and strives to protect students from exposure to inappropriate online material and activities. Students engage in learning about ethical and safe use through online platforms. Lessons are consciously planned and implemented to enhance development of ICT skills and Digital Technologies understanding, in order to prepare them for an ever changing social, higher-education environment and future workforce. We encourage students and teachers to safely and ethically access the internet and email, use organisational tools and engage with resources to innovate and transform their teaching and learning.

Privacy

Staff, parents/carers and the community need to encourage students to be aware of the risks associated with some online activities and how to adopt protective online behaviour to protect them from exposure to inappropriate online material or activities, suggestions being:

- * Keeping personal details private by using a nickname instead of a real name and always asking parents before giving out name, address or phone number online.
- * Keeping usernames and passwords private.
- * Mindfully posting online and being positively constructive in response to others. Once posted, a message can be difficult to remove.

Social Media

The youngest age requirement for a social network is **13 years of age**, some are even older. Most social media sites set minimum age requirements. This is primarily for safety reasons as young children don't understand the dangers of cyber predators, and because younger children have not yet developed the good judgement to know what's okay to post and what is not. They are also exposed to adult content which can be suggestive or inappropriate. Cyberbullying is emerging as a devastating and destructive outcome for young children as well.

With all the above in mind, we have made a decision to ban all social network / social media / chat room-type apps from devices that will be used for learning at Rostrata Primary School. We understand that some parents have used their parental discretion to allow their child to participate in social media at home, however at Rostrata Primary School this will not be permitted.

Devices that are brought to school for learning must not have the following apps installed–

Facebook	WhatsApp	Linkedn
Twitter	Secret	Vine
Instagram	House Party	WeChat
Snapchat	Tumblr	Kik
Reddit	Musical.ly	TikTok

Device installed apps – Messages, Facetime, Mail Messenger and the App Store must be disabled during school hours.

There are many more social networking sites, so we ask that you are aware of the sites students are accessing at home.

Please understand that these measures are in place to protect the students at Rostrata Primary School.

If you have concerns regarding your child's online safety, please access the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner at <http://www.esafety.gov.au/>.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Which device will best meet our needs?

Our BYO iPad Instructional Technology Committee, through researching other schools, has identified the Apple iPad as the preferred device to support students learning.

Why that device?

The iPad and apps, allow our staff to expose students to learning that balances creativity with critical thinking in the enhancement of classroom experiences. The school currently has only Apple devices in classrooms and connected to our system.

What are the minimum device requirements?

We have identified the iPad (7th Generation) as the recommended device. For longevity of the device we also advise parents that earlier devices are not recommended as we cannot guarantee that they will be able to maintain required functionality over a three-year period (considering device and app updates).

Will devices need to be insured and by whom?

Yes, it is highly recommended that devices are insured. This will be the responsibility of the parents. Please consider that devices may simply be added to most home insurance policies and this should still cover them at school too. We suggest you discuss this with your insurance company directly.

Can parents choose to provide an alternate device?

No. To maximise program effectiveness a common device is essential. This allows teachers to develop common language and procedures to best support learning.