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FAQ's



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WHY iPADS FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS ?

iPad and Apple Mac programs are now common across WA schools. Rostrata chose iPads rather than MacBooks as primary school children are able to complete most activities on this device and it provides continuity for the families and children across years and in some cases throughout their primary schooling.

In junior classes iPads have been shown to support the growth of :

- Phonological awareness
- The acquisition of phonics
- The Development of reading
- The recall of basic number facts
- Learning and practicing technology skills

In middle and upper year's students have the opportunity to design, create, investigate and present a variety of information across a wide range of interest areas providing the capacity to recognize curriculum content and support a higher level of student centered learning.

WHAT IF I DON'T PROVIDE AN iPad ?

The iPad program is completely voluntary. Students who do not have their own device will have some access to school iPads' however this may not be 1:1. Each learning Area has a small bank of school iPads rotated between students. These devices are not permitted to leave the school.

WHY APPLE ?

Stability – The iPad operating system has the reputation of being robust and intuitive.

Security – The Apple App Store tests all new apps before releasing them to the public, ensuring no inappropriate content appears. The android app store is an open source platform anyone can upload to; The apps are not checked and leave people exposed to unwanted content.

Continuity – 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, once downloaded, ensuring users are consistently using the

most up to date versions of the software. The Apple ID system allows users to change devices without losing any apps.

Support – The AppleCare Protection Plan provides 24/7 complimentary telephone support, including software support for 2 years. AppleCare gives you one-stop technical service and support from Apple experts and most issues can be resolved in a single call.

Curriculum – The Department of Education iPad trial has resulted in a close relationship between the Apple Education team and WA schools. This relationship continues to bring benefits to Rostrata students, staff and community to create a rich learning environment for our students.

WHAT iPad SHOULD I BUY ?

We recommend that the iPad 9.7 WiFi, 32gb as the minimum device required. These may be purchased from a variety of recommended Apple resellers.

The newer the iPad the longer it will be able to accommodate future software and app purchases.

Purchasing an older iPad may mean your device is unable to be updated and the compatibility of apps may become an issue in the future.

The technology available on new versions of the iPad is of greater capacity and quality than previous devices.

WHAT IF MY CHILD ALREADY HAS AN OLDER iPad ?

If your family already has an iPad and you would like to send this to school with your child, you do not need to purchase a new device at this time – providing it is capable of operating with the required capacity. You will be required to provide the schools completed insurance forms, exactly as if the device was purchased new for the program.

Be aware older iPads may have limited functions and may not support the required learning areas apps.

WHY 32GB ?

The recommended size for an iPad in an educational environment is at least 32GB. Items stored on the iPad include apps, photos, videos and other media. 32GB or bigger enables students to store their work on the device without having to manage the content externally. It allows the flexibility for home and holiday use by your family.

Many families providing iPads with less storage space are finding the device fills quickly and requires management and data transfer in order to keep the device functioning as intended.

WHY THE \$50 APP STORE CREDIT ?

You will be required to install certain apps on your child's iPad in order for them to participate fully in the 1:1 iPad program. A list of apps is available to you. Should you choose to join the School MDM program this cost is not required.

Information regarding app lists will be provided at parent information sessions at the beginning of each year. Rostrata Primary School staff will not install apps on your child's iPad.

Apps may be shared between a maximum of 5 devices with the same Apple ID at no additional cost. Due to copyright restrictions the school is unable to load apps onto multiple devices.

If you purchase the AppleCare Protection Plan for your iPad you are provided with 24/7 telephone support from Apple experts for 2 years. If you have problems installing apps they will provide assistance over the phone.

Apps may be downloaded using the schools wifi system once purchased and loaded.

Having the correct updated Apps on your child's device is critical to the ongoing successful use of the device.

Children without the required Apps are unable to maximize the use of their device. Whilst this is an expense it is an ongoing investment in your child's learning, provides 24 hour learning access and support and enables the maximum use of your investment. All Apps need to be kept current.

WHERE SHOULD I GET MY CHILD'S iPad FROM ?

There are a number of options you may wish to consider in regard to providing your child with an iPad :

- You may provide an iPad you already have at home. Please consider personal items such as photos which may need to be removed before you send it to school with your child.
- You may wish to purchase or lease a new iPad for your child. Wherever you purchase your device we recommend you consider the AppleCare Protection Plan which provides 24/7 online support and ensure your device is insured.

Winthrop Australia

We have negotiated with Winthrop Australia to provide Rostrata families the opportunity to purchase or lease iPads directly using the link below :

The portal is currently open and receiving orders for delivery later this term <http://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/rostrataps>

WHY WINTHROP AUSTRALIA ?

Winthrop Australia is the provider of Apple products to the Department of Education. They are able to provide a wraparound service to schools including

- One stop shop – the online ordering portal enables you to get everything you need in the same place.
- Warranty and Insurance – Winthrop Australia offers logging of warranty and insurance repairs through their online portal. iPads are dropped off at school to be logged by a school representative, collected by Winthrop Australia, repaired / replaced and returned in a timely manner
- Support – Winthrop Australia offers ongoing professional development, parent information sessions to schools and phone support

CAN I ORDER FROM WINTHROP AUSTRALIA LATER IN THE YEAR ?

Yes! The portal remains open and orders can be placed at any time. Orders will be processed on a daily basis with delivery approximately 4 weeks after processing. Parents will be contacted when their order arrives at school. Once you have purchased your iPad and completed the school insurance form confirming you understand your child's device is not covered by the school insurance policy your child will be able to bring their device to school.

Leasing

Flexirent in conjunction with Winthrop Australia offers a leasing option for parents. Details of this offer can be found at [https:// sales.winaust.com.au/shop/rostrataps](https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/rostrataps).

WHY LEASE, IF IT IS MORE EXPENSIVE ?

Leasing is an option Winthrop Australia has provided to families as an alternative to the expense of purchasing an iPad outright. You will need to read the terms and conditions set out by Flexirent to see if this is the right option for you. Some

families are able to salary package an iPad as part of their workplace arrangements and in this case leasing is often the preferred method.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE END OF THE 2 YEAR LEASE ?

A number of options exist for the end of the leasing period which need to be investigated as part of your decision making process. View the lease terms and conditions to make sure leasing suits your personal needs.

WHAT ELSE DO I NEED TO BUY ?

When you purchase your iPad you will need to consider the following:

- Your iPad must be fitted with a protective case, front and back. Keep in mind the students will be using them to take photos and videos so ensure the cover can be held or moved to allow easy access. If you purchase or lease your device through the Winthrop Australia portal, you may select a cover as an optional accessory.
- All Apple hardware comes with a one-year limited warranty and up to 90 days of complimentary telephone technical support. It is recommended you extend your coverage further with the AppleCare Protection Plan. If you purchase your device through the Winthrop Australia portal you may select the 2 Year iPad AppleCare Protection Plan as an additional extra.
- Your iPad is not covered by Rostrata Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance policy. You may wish to check with your home and/or contents insurer to ensure your existing cover extends to an iPad being brought to school by your child. If you purchase your device through Winthrop Australia you may select insurance through Protectsure as an optional extra.

Security – Before, after and during school

- The security of the iPad is the responsibility of the parent/carer outside of school hours.
- Students are not allowed to remove iPads from Learning Areas during lunch or recess. At these times the Learning Areas are locked and iPads secured in a locked box.
- The school After School Hours Care provider is aware of the need to securely store your child's iPad while they are in their care before and/or after school.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY iPad IS DAMAGED OR BROKEN ?

iPads brought to school are not covered by the Rostrata Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance.

Where iPads are purchased through Winthrop Australia and the Optional 2 Year Protectsure Insurance option is selected. Families should follow the Winthrop approved process. The school may be able to assist with this if required.

Where the Protectsure Insurance Option is not taken or the iPad is purchased independently or brought from home it needs to be covered under your own insurance. The school will not provide a loan iPad in this situation. If the iPad is damaged at school, it is the parents' responsibility to pay the insurance excess and any other repair costs which might occur.

Before your iPad can come to school you will be required to complete a form providing your insurance information confirming you understand your iPad is not covered by the school of Department of Education insurance policy.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY iPad IS NOT FUNCTIONING PROPERLY ?

If you purchased or leased your iPad through Winthrop Australia you have a 2 year AppleCare protection Plan with 24/7 technical support. Your first option would be to access the support provided by the Apple experts through AppleCare. If you purchased your iPad independently or provided one from home, you will need to refer to the warranty you selected at the point of sale. Apple products have a 1-year limited warranty unless you purchase an AppleCare Protection Plan which provides a 2 year warranty.

WILL MY CHILD STILL LEARN TO READ AND WRITE ?

Yes! Literacy and Numeracy are the top priorities of Rostrata Primary School. The iPad program has been introduced to enhance and extend these skills. Studies have shown the best way to master a new skill is to practice and many apps are designed to repeat and practice various skills and knowledge. The use of iPads in a classroom setting offers new and engaging ways for the students to practice a wide range of skills identified in the Australian and WA Curriculums.

WILL MY CHILD HAVE TO SHARE THE iPad I PAID FOR ?

It is important the child whose parents have purchased an iPad is the primary user of the device. Sharing of iPads will only occur where there is no disadvantage to its owner. The social skill of sharing is important for schools and families to develop within their children and this will occur where appropriate.

CAN I PURCHASE AN iPad FOR MY CHILDREN WHO ARE IN OTHER YEAR LEVELS ?

All children attending Rostrata Primary School form PP-6 are encouraged to have access to their own iPad. This device should be brought to school each day. Many children move through each year taking their iPad with them. Children cannot successfully share their iPad with siblings during the school day.

WHAT IS THE LIFE EXPECTANCY OF AN iPad ?

Remember a computer, any computer, is not an investment. Technology changes faster than a device is “worth”, so the life expectancy of any device is however long its user can use it for its intended purpose.

DO OTHER SCHOOLS HAVE 1:1 PROGRAMS ?

Yes, an increasing number of primary schools are establishing one to one programs.

CAN PARENTS CHOOSE TO PROVIDE AN ALTERNATE DEVICE ?

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

HOW WILL THE INTERNET BE MONITORED ?

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. These protections restrict students from accessing inappropriate websites.

HOW MUCH TIME WILL STUDENTS BE SPENDING ON THE iPad EACH DAY ?

A research article by The University of Western Australia regarding screen time is available via <http://www.news.uwa.edu.au/201511048125/education-research/virtually-impossible>

In respect to our 1 to 1 device program, students will have a fair distribution of activities in class time. Teachers will ensure planning includes breaks in lessons and active learning opportunities. Students will be taught about mindful usage of devices, which includes recognizing balance and utilizing varied digital and non-digital tools to demonstrate their learning.

HOW WILL DEVICES BE KEPT SECURE WHEN AT SCHOOL ?

Devices will be stored in a central location in the classroom when not in use. Classrooms will remain locked when unattended.

WHAT HAPPENS IF PARENTS ARE NOT ABLE TO AFFORD AN iPad FOR THEIR CHILD ?

In the event that parents are unable to supply a device, some school devices will be accessible to each class. It is important to note though, that while we will endeavour to meet the needs of every child we cannot guarantee one to one access at all times (students may have to share devices).

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAINTAINING THE DEVICES ?

Apple devices need to be updated regularly. This will need to be managed by parents at home. Parents will be responsible for purchasing, downloading and updating all apps identified for school use. Maintenance of devices will also include charging as it will not be possible to do in class. A responsibility cycle is available in the BYOD Parent Booklet.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF A STUDENT IS NOT USING THE DEVICE APPROPRIATELY ?

All students must sign the responsible use agreement included with the BYOD Parent Booklet. If they are not meeting the requirements of this agreement their access to using their device and/or the school network may be restricted for a period of time.