

1:1 iPad Program

Good Shepherd Primary School



Years 4-6 2018

INFORMATION HANDBOOK

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Catholic Education System in Western Australia (CEWA), has continued its development and work towards its transformation of the system under the title “LEADing Lights” that I announced last year. There have been many changes in the background that lay the foundation for services that will begin to roll out from next year. These services promise to improve outcomes for students, families, schools and systems through digital transformation. The school is well prepared to embrace the challenges and changes in our Catholic Education System. A single sign-on experience, movement to the Microsoft Office platform from Google, upgraded internet services, and finance and auditing changes are some of the areas that have been modified to date.

2018 will be transformational in our progress in Digital Learning. Coinciding with a mandated Digital Learning curriculum, this document announces new Apple devices to be rolled out for both students and teachers. We’ve listened to students, staff and families regarding the successes and pitfalls of using Chromebooks over the past 3 years. We’ve loved the access to laptop technology that has brought about new and creative ways for students to learn and demonstrate their learning and we’ve heard about the issues regarding hardware breakdowns and controlling internet habits at home.

Based on this experience, we have chosen Apple products for our 1 to 1 program, specifically the iPad for their:

- Robust design
- Ease of use and readiness to be implemented in learning
- Ability to provide a safeguard for student use both at school and at home through a software solution
- Overall cost to parents
- Support for existing software and programs in the school
- Suitability for use with NAPLAN online

We trust that this document will provide the information that you need as we transition to our new 1 to 1 Program. Should you have any questions or concerns, I invite you to attend a **parent information meeting to be held Tuesday 12 December at 8:30am in Ward House.**

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Colley
Principal
Good Shepherd Kelmscott

The 1:1 Program refers to 1 device per child. Each student in the classroom has their own personal device that they use at school and home which allows their learning to transition smoothly between two locations. Students are required to bring an Apple iPad to use as a tool to enhance and assist their learning while at Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School during school years 4-6.

Why iPad?

We believe that it is important to provide the students of Good Shepherd with the most beneficial device to assist them in their learning. We believe that the iPad is the best device for this.

Some of the reasons we have decided to go with iPads are:

- **Teacher and Parent control**

Both Teachers and Parents will have greater control over the functionality of the student's devices through the management system, Zulu desk.

- **Battery Life**

The iPad has a superior battery life compared to other Laptop devices.

- **Mobility**

The iPad is easy for students to hold, move and manipulate.

- **Size and Weight**

The iPad is a smaller device that will take up less space on the student's work area and is easy to store out of the way. The iPad is a lighter device which benefits the students when carrying it between home and school.

- **Responsiveness**

The iPad turns on quickly and allows students to access work in a timely manner.

- **Functionality**

The iPad incorporates a camera/video function which enables children to take quality photos and video footage in an easily handled unit, to be used in their work and presentations.

BYOD Requirements

BYOD stands for Bring Your Own Device.

Under the previous arrangement, the school leased Chromebooks and a levy of \$320 was added to school fees each year. The Chromebook Levy has been removed from the annual school fees and parents now have a number of options including finance or outright purchase of an iPad. Under this new arrangement, total

costs will be comparative if not less and families will own the device to keep. Bringing an existing iPad device from home is an option for students in Year 5 &6.

The device

Parents purchasing a new iPad will be required to invest in the latest technology. This will help to ensure that students have a device which will remain viable over the next three years of primary school.

iPad Purchase Arrangements

The purchase of an iPad has been made available through the JB HiFi Education portal.

Parent Portal Link: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School code: GSK2018

On the portal, products have been specifically chosen as they are the most suitable products for the use of students within schools. Typically, these products are non-retail products, meaning you won't find them in JB Hi-Fi stores. What sets them apart as education products is their pre-configuration and build (providing additional protection) as well as extra onsite (at school) warranties and accidental repair options. Prices for these products have been negotiated in bulk through CEWA.

All orders will be delivered to your nominated JB Hi-Fi store. You will receive both an email and an SMS notifying you once your order is available for collection.

JB HiFi have an FAQ section here, to answer your finance or purchase queries:

<https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/?content=faqs>

Device details available from the portal:

- Apple iPad 5th Generation, 128Gb
- Protective case
- 2-year Apple Care Protection Plan – *recommended (new devices only)*
- Keyboard attachment – *optional*

Option for Students in Year 5 &6

As this is a new cycle of purchases regarding ICT and apple products, the school has made allowances for students in Years 5&6 to bring an existing iPad from home to see them through to graduation in Year 6 if suitable.

Minimum Requirements:

- Apple iPad running iOS 11.2
- Protective case
- Keyboard attachment – *optional*

Parents need to be aware that older devices will possibly incur some loss of functionality as they get older, given that most of them will be three years old at the start of 2018. It is probable that the operating system, upgrades and newer apps may not work or work less efficiently on the older models of the iPad, hindering the learning experience.

PLEASE NOTE: The iPad mini and the cellular model are not approved for the Good Shepherd 1:1 Program. If a cellular model is purchased, due to possible breaches of internet security, the 4G sim card will need to be removed from the device before entering the school.

Protective case

Every iPad must come with a protective case. A case may protect the iPad from accidental scratching or damage when not in use. Whilst it is up to the parents which case they choose to buy, it is important that they choose a case that suits daily educational use that protects your investment.

Warranty

Parents are recommended to cover their child's iPad through Apple Care's 2 year protection plan. This is only relevant for the purchase of new devices.

Insurance

Good Shepherd is unable to provide insurance on BYOD iPads. It is the responsibility of the parents to insure their child's device. Please check with your personal home and contents insurance provider for suitable cover. iPads fitted with a recommended case should survive three years if treated responsibly. There can be a significant cost to parents who do not have appropriate insurance or warranty cover. Repairs can be costly and often result in students needing a new device.

AppleCare+ for iPad (if purchased) provides up to two years of expert telephone technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple, including up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to a service fee. In addition, you'll get 24/7 priority access to Apple experts via chat or phone through getsupport.apple.com. Coverage begins on the original purchase date of your iPad.

- Third- party screen repairs are not Apple approved repairs and will **void** your iPad AppleCare and possibly and insurance policies.
- We recommend you ensure that your insurance policies suit your personal requirements. Personal devices may be covered or be an option under your family's home and contents insurance policy. Please check with your provider.
- We also strongly recommend that families repair/replace iPad screens quickly in the event that they're broken to avoid injuries from broken glass.

Management of Device

The school will be acquiring a ZuluDesk license. It is a powerful, cost effective Mobile Device Management System for today's digital classroom. With ZuluDesk, teachers have greater control of the management of these devices. Through Zulu Desk, teachers will be able to easily push out apps to devices and monitor student activity. You can also limit student distraction by setting restrictions, such as preventing notifications and or disabling the camera function. The cost of ZuluDesk and school apps will be covered under the ICT levy included in your school fees.

Parent function

Restrict Games

Would you like to restrict the time spent on games? You can do this now with ZuluDesk Parent.

Restrict Communication

With a simple change in ZuluDesk Parent, you can restrict communications in a variety of programs, including iMessage, WhatsApp, and Messenger.

Restrict Social Media

Is social media a major distraction for your child? Just disable Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, etc. ZuluDesk Parent allows you to set up rules that restrict social media use to certain periods of time throughout the day.

iPad Use

A 1 to 1 device ratio enables devices to be available to students and teachers throughout the entire day. This does not mean that they will be used for every lesson. Like other learning tools, the use of iPads will depend on the learning activity.

Personal device and use

A child's personal device is their own property. Students are not permitted to use another student's device. Whilst, at school the use of the iPad will fall under the school policy and guidelines. Students will not be allowed to use the iPad for personal use when they are at school. Please do not contact your child through their device, all communication must go through the school office.

At home, iPad use will be at the discretion of the parents. Use of personal apps will not be allowed at school. We encourage personal apps to be stored under a folder title 'home'. **Apple prevents the use of children under 13 having an account. Parents should create and manage an account on behalf of their child. Please do not share the password with your child.**

Inappropriate use of iPad

Students are prohibited from accessing and storing inappropriate images, video or audio on any ICT device used at the school. Students will be subject to the school ICT use policies and behaviour management policies.

Battery (Charging)

It is the student's responsibility to charge their device each night. Battery chargers are to be kept at home.

Back-ups

You can use iCloud or iTunes to back up and restore content on the iPad. We suggest that this is done once a term. Most student work will be saved online to Microsoft OneDrive.

Loss or damage

Loss or damage of the iPad will be the responsibility of parents through their own organised insurance policy.

FAQ's

What is the full cost to me as a parent?

Please refer to the JB HiFi portal page to access prices for the required items.

What if I have an android device at home?

Unfortunately, the school does not have the required management devices to support android device use in the classroom. Technology and software needs to be consistent between students and teachers. This ensures no students are disadvantaged.

What if I have an iPad at home?

Students in years 5&6 have an option to bring an existing device if it meets minimum requirements,

What if I can't afford to buy a new iPad for my child?

Parents will have the opportunity to finance the device at a monthly rate through JB-HiFi.

In cases of genuine financial hardship please contact the school Principal to discuss your particular circumstances.

Could my child have their iPad confiscated if misuse is reported?

Yes. The school reserves the right to remove the privilege. The iPad will be removed from your child in breach of the student ICT contract. In such an instance where an iPad is confiscated, the child's parents will be contacted by the school. They can arrange to collect the iPad from the child's class teacher.

Can my child use the iPad if the screen is damaged?

No, because the shards of glass and potential leakage of chemicals from a damaged screen can cause injury to your child. If this occurs it is important to attend to a damaged screen as soon as possible.

What happens if my iPad stops working?

Any issues with the iPads technical operations need to be brought to the attention of a teacher immediately. Parents will need to make plans to have the device fixed or replaced as soon as possible. There is no guarantee of a spare iPad to use in school.

What happens if another student damages my child's iPad?

The ICT contract strictly states that iPads are not to be loaned to other students and must be kept in a safe place at all times. However, in an instance where an iPad is damaged accidentally or maliciously by another student the incident should be reported to a teacher immediately. The teacher will follow protocol, which will involve consultation with the school leadership team to find a satisfactory solution. It is strongly recommended that the parents do not contact other parents directly regarding the damage.