



iConnect@Greenbank

BYOD iPad Program 2021



Frequently Asked Questions & Answers

Can my child bring a device other than an iPad to school (eg. Android device / tablet)?

No. iPads are the only acceptable device for use at school. Different devices aren't able to have the same apps installed, and are not all compatible with school systems.

How will the school help to ensure the safety and security of my child's device?

Students are responsible for the safety of their device before and after school. During the school day and lunch breaks, iPads will be stored in lockable cupboards within classrooms. Students are not to use their devices before or after school, and are encouraged to wait for the bell in the undercover area where supervision is available from 8:00am onwards. Should student devices be lost / stolen / broken, the school will thoroughly investigate and consequences given in accordance with the School Code of Conduct.

Will the iPad replace the use of paper and pencil in the classroom?

No. The iPad is a tool to support student learning. It does not replace pencil and paper and will not be used in every single lesson of every day. Students will continue to write with pencils, read books and experiment with hands on materials on a daily basis – in addition to engaging with an iPad at times. An iPad does not change *what* is taught – however it provides multiple possibilities to change *how* it is taught.

What about students who do not to participate in the BYOD iPad program?

Students who don't participate in the BYOD iPad program will not be disadvantaged. However, the iPad will be an effective tool to assist students with a wide scope of learning opportunities. Students without iPads will have access to a school owned device, however this will have to be shared with others. It is not guaranteed that students will have access to a school owned device every lesson. These devices won't be able to be taken home.

Are there payment plan options available for paying the resource scheme?

Yes. Parents are asked to commit to paying the resource scheme this year, however smaller payments can be made in consultation with the Business Services Manager next year. Parents can also opt to have direct debit amounts taken out of their pay through Centrepay (linked to Centrelink). Inquiries can be made at the school office.

Do I need to buy a NEW device or are secondhand devices acceptable?

Secondhand devices are acceptable, as long as they meet the minimum specifications – iPad 7th Generation or iPad 6th Generation (32GB or 128GB). Many retail stores have quality secondhand devices available for purchase.

I am concerned about my child's screen time. Any tips?

There are very simple ways to set up screen time limits on your child's iPad. It can all be managed from your own apple device. Keep an eye out for information coming home to parents in Term 4 around this.

In Term 1 of 2021, we are also aiming to hold further information sessions for families around managing children's screen time, as well as cybersafety.