

## Flagstaff Hill E-Learning Program General Information

From 2021, we will offer students from Years 4-7 the opportunity to bring an Apple iPad to school as a learning tool.

### **Key Information**

- The Apple iPad program is voluntary. Teachers will be able to book time slots to borrow a bank of iPads during a few lessons each week so that those students who do not bring their own can use one at those times. Unfortunately the school does not own enough iPads to provide for all students who do not bring their own. Students will also continue to have access to devices which we already have at school such as laptops and desktop computers.
- This is an iPad only program which means that other mobile devices are not supported. It is important that we are able to use a common mobile platform to support consistency where school shared and personal devices are being used.

### **Why iPads only and not other tablet devices?**

This is an iPad only program which means other tablet devices such as Windows or Android devices are not supported. We have chosen to use iPads as the preferred mobile device for multiple reasons. These include:

- The provision of a common platform – supporting consistency and availability of apps and learning resources
- Teachers being able to facilitate the workflow of student learning through the use of common apps
- There are minimal technical requirements for iPads to be supported.
- The operating system of the iPadOS can be easily updated to ensure security of the device. This factor is important in terms of online safety and longevity of investment in the device.
- Apple has a vast selection of educational applications to support all learning styles and needs, 20 000 of which are designed specifically for educational purposes.
- The majority of Australian schools with mobile devices programs we have researched and networked with are solely using iPads. This includes our main feeder high school, Aberfoyle Park High School.
- Apple has a proven track record in Education and especially in supporting iPad device programs in schools.

### **Please note**

- We respect the rights of families who choose not to participate in the iPad program
- For families with a number of children we understand that it may not be possible for all children to have an iPad. We suggest the eldest sibling has priority.

### **What are the key benefits?**

- One of the key benefits of students having a personal iPad is that it supports ownership of student learning and also allows them to keep and access personal media, documents and resources, which may otherwise be accidentally or intentionally interfered with on shared devices.
- Our teaching staff have researched and networked with other schools where their iPad programs clearly demonstrate the value of each student owning their own iPad as opposed to sharing them.

### **What guidelines, policies and procedures will be in place?**

- Student Acceptable Use Agreement (Year 4-7 students) – all students bringing their own device to sign with their parents.
- E-Learning Student Requirements
- Respect, Care and Integrity with Digital Technologies Training
- E-Learning iPad Agreement Breaches (consequences)

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