



RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bring Your Own iPad Programme 2018 General Information

Pre - Primary to Year 6

Why iPads?

iPads are common across WA schools and have been chosen because interactive technology makes learning more engaging and memorable. Tools such as audio and video recorder have changed the way that learning takes place.

The use of iPads across school offers students another method of accessing and demonstrating learning. Their ability to connect directly to the world the student is living in increases relevance for the child. The use of the iPad also allows parents to become more involved with their child's day to day learning.

For more information regarding the use of technology in the classroom please follow the link below:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/curriculum-support/primary/detcms/navigation/tablet-technology-for-education/>

What If I don't provide an iPad?

The programme is completely voluntary. If you choose not to provide an iPad your child will have access to a shared class bank.

Why Apple?

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

Security - The Apple store tests all new apps before releasing them to the public ensuring no inappropriate content appears. The android store is an open store platform that anyone can upload to, the apps are not checked which can leave people exposed to unwanted content.

Continuity - Apps perform the same way on all recent versions of the iPads, making it easier to cater for a variety of devices over time. Apps are automatically updated. The Apple id system allows users to change devices without losing any apps.

Curriculum - Apple has designed apps that are specifically for education resulting in rich learning experiences.

What iPad should I buy?

- We would recommend iPad with at least 32GB. This can be purchased from any Apple stores or retailers (Officeworks, JB HI-FI, Harvey Norman, The Good Guys)
- The newer the iPad the longer it will be able to accommodate future software and app purchases.
- Purchasing an older iPad may mean that in the future you will have difficulty updating or purchasing apps.
- The technology available on new iPads is of greater capacity and quality than previous devices.

Why 32GB?

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

What apps should I download?

An app list will be provided by your class teacher at the beginning of term. The majority of the apps the school uses will be free.

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 maximise the use of the device. Whilst this is an expense can be thought of as an ongoing investment in your child's learning.

What else do I need to provide?

- Every iPad that is brought into school MUST have a protective case that is clearly labelled with your child's name.
- Be mindful that students will be taking photos and videos so the cameras must be easily accessed.
- Your iPad is NOT covered by Riverside Primary School or the Department of Education insurance policies. Therefore you may want to check your home/ and or contents insurance to ensure you existing cover extends to cover an iPad being brought to school.
- You will be required to fill out a form stating if you have insurance policy and indicating the serial number on the iPad. This form must be returned before the iPad can be brought to school.

Security before- during and after school

The security of the iPad is the responsibility of the parent/carers before and after school hours. The students are not allowed to remove the iPad from the learning areas during recess or lunch. When the iPads are not being used they will be stored securely in locked cupboard or box.

Will my child still learn to read and write?

Yes! The iPad will not replace book or pencils. Numeracy and Literacy remain the priorities at Riverside Primary School.

Will my child have to share their iPad?

The child whose parents purchased the iPad will be the only user of the iPad. Sharing will only occur when there is no disadvantage to the owner.

If you would like to know more information about iPads in schools please refer to the following sites:

<https://www.securedgenetworks.com/blog/Why-Use-iPads-Other-Technology-in-the-Classroom-as-Learning-Tools>

<http://www.bbcactive.com/BBCActiveIdeasandResources/iPadsintheClassroom.aspx>

Screen Time

Research is showing that too much screen time does have a damaging effect on children's developing brains. Please be mindful of how much time your child uses their iPad and set limitations on their iPad use before and after school.

Other useful websites

How to set up family sharing with an Apple ID:

<https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201088>

How to set parent controls on the iPads:

<https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201304>

The school encourages you to keep up to date with our programs by accessing our website at <http://riversideps.wa.edu.au/>