

Year 4 2017, 1:1 iPad deployment

Q & A's

When will the 1:1 iPad deployment start in 2017?

The children will bring their own iPad for Year 4 2017. iPads will be required for Tuesday, Term 1, Week 1, 2017.

We will hold a launch session during Term 1, Week 1 where all policies and guidelines will be given out and will need to be signed by both the parent and student. All students need to have their iPads by this time.

What iPad do I buy?

If your child currently has an iPad for their exclusive use at school, then that iPad would be fine. If you need to purchase a new iPad, then a WiFi iPad Air 2 is currently the best value (see Mac1 Flyer for discounted prices). Although the Pro models are cutting-edge-technology, we consider them to be too expensive. The iPad Mini does NOT meet the minimum size requirements for NAPLAN Online testing (commencing in 2018), and so, should not be purchased for your child's use.

We also recommend that the iPad is WiFi only — not Cellular. This means there are no additional internet usage charges, and your child will only be connected to the internet when WiFi is available (at school for example).

Where can I purchase an iPad from?

There are a number of stores that stock and sell iPads. Many do have finance available if needed. Stores include: Mac1, OfficeWorks, JB Hi-Fi, Domayne, Good Guys, Joyce Mayne, Big W, Harvey Norman and Apple Online and Refurb-Store.

Does my child need a keyboard for their iPad?

A Bluetooth Keyboard is NOT required but you and your child may decide that this is a worthwhile purchase — it's your choice. ACARA's NAPLAN Online testing has discovered that children perform best when using the device that they use each day. So children who normally use physical keyboards should use them in the NAPLAN Tests, and children that DO NOT use physical keyboards should NOT use them for the NAPLAN Online Exams. There were no advantages observed for users with a Bluetooth keyboard over those without.

Correct posture will be reinforced whilst working with the iPad.

Does my child need a stylus for their iPad?

No they do not as we are encouraging correct finger placement and fluency when typing. However, if your child feels more comfortable using a stylus, then this is ok also. Additionally, some applications such as Explain Everything can work more precisely with a Stylus.

NOTE: A stylus is a writing utensil for touch screen devices.

How will my child's iPad be kept safe at school?

All iPads are kept in the student's bags before school. Year 4 will place their bags on the verandah outside their classrooms. Student's iPads are brought into the classroom for the whole day and kept secured during break times and the classroom doors locked. When students are not using their iPads they are placed on their desks. All students are shown how to passcode protect their iPads for extra security, how to backup on iCloud and use Google Drive.

What type of protective case does my child's iPad require?

We recommend a smartcover for the iPad (a cover that turns the iPad on and off by opening and closing it). The case should cover the back of the iPad, its 4 corners and also a flap that will protect the screen. It is ideal for the case to have a stand option (either a pull out flap or a resting place for the iPad). Many cases include the screen cover as well.



There are also many cases offering heavy duty protection such as the Survivor series cases.

What about Viruses?

There is currently no issue with viruses when using iPads.

How much time will be spent on the iPads in class?

This will be decided upon by the classroom teacher. Some activities are programmed, whilst others are on the go (teaching opportunities). Please note: the iPad is a tool just like a textbook or a pen and no time can be determined around it.

Will my child still be reading books and writing in workbooks?

Yes absolutely – balance is best! The iPad as outlined in the question above is one of many learning tools used in the classroom.

Will my child be taking their iPad out of the classroom?

iPads will remain secured in the classroom during break times (including wet weather). At times students may be asked by their class teacher to complete learning experiences outside the classroom. If this occurs, all students will be reminded of expectations and will be supervised.

How will my child's iPad be brought to and from school?

All iPads will remain in your child's bag until they go into class. Students place their iPads in their bags at the end of the day, where they remain until they arrive home. The school encourages all students to not take their iPads out of their bags whilst travelling to and from school (including the bus).

Will my child's iPad be needed at school everyday?

Yes. In the case where the iPad is not required at school, students will be notified in advance (athletics carnivals, gala days, etc).

Will my child be using an iPad for homework?

Yes. A combination of written homework and homework utilizing the iPads will be given.

What does my child do if their iPad has been lost, stolen or damaged at school?

If the iPad is lost, stolen or damaged at school, the student must report it to their teacher immediately. The teacher will provide an Incident Report Form for completion. Action in response to damage or loss will be determined by the school.

What happens if the devices are lost traveling to and from school?

In this circumstance, students or parents must report the incident to the school and it will be investigated as per our school incident procedures. The outcome for these types of incidents will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis.

What happens if my child uses the iPad incorrectly?

Students are to follow all school and teacher directions in relation to apps and usage of iPads. Any misuse of iPads will follow 1:1 User Agreement policy.

Will my child have opportunities to learn more about the features of the iPad and/or apps?

Yes – class teachers with support from CEO personnel will run bootcamps to assist students in their skill development with iPads.

How do I set up an Apple ID/iCloud account?

Students should have their own Credit-card-free Apple ID (iCloud account) so that their work can be exclusively backed-up to iCloud, they get to own their educational Apps and they are not sharing content with other family members.

There are a number of ways on which Apple IDs can be created for students; Apple IDs for students, which schools setup on their behalf, Managed IDs and parent IDs which are both setup by parents.

We have supplied details on these setting up methods in the accompanying handouts.

How will my child or I know which apps are required?

A list of apps will be included in the resource list that will be given to you at the end of the year.

Who is in charge of downloading the Apps?

It is expected that all Apps designated by the school are made available on the student's iPad. The manager of the Apple ID will be required to enable purchases to be downloaded. Automatic updates should be enabled on your iPad, and apps can be freely updated or downloaded whilst at school.

What if my child wants to buy other Apps to use after school hours?

Students will have a credit card free Apple ID. We recommend that discounted iTunes cards be used with your child's account. Hence, as the student owns their device they can purchase other Apps at their parent's discretion.

[This site identifies where discounted iTunes cards can be purchased.](http://www.giftcardsonsale.com.au/)

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Unprescribed apps on Student iPads will not be accessed during school hours. If extra storage is required students will be asked to delete non prescribed apps.

What if my child or I have problems with my iPad throughout the year?

The most important thing to remember if your child has problems with their iPad at school, is to let the class teacher know as soon as possible so that the problem can be addressed. If the problem can be fixed at a school level it will, if not it will be passed onto CEO for further help. The school site also has a Learning Technologies page that outlines a range of things regarding iPads – including support.

What is a Google account?

Every student at Good Samaritan (and the Diocese of Wollongong) have a 'Google' account which allows them access to features such as email, hosted by Google, known as DOW Cloud. The DOW Cloud services allow students to set up calendars, to keep track of events and due dates, commenting on blogger, word processing, spreadsheets, email and sharing options with their class teacher. Students may also use DOW Cloud to store work in an organised and accessible manner (from any device anywhere in the world – no USB required).

Can I connect to the Internet from my home network?

Yes. The iPads can adjust between home and school settings. Note that the internet protections in place at school do not apply at home and parents are responsible for internet access at home.

Can I filter out any undesirable sites from my child's iPad?

Yes, under the Settings, General, there is a Restrictions option. You enable restrictions with a passcode (that only you know) and alter the settings for Web Sites for example to 'Limit Adult Content' rather than 'All Websites'.

Do we need Internet access at home? How much will it cost to run the iPad?

Preferably. Students will need Wi-Fi in order to connect their iPad to the Internet to use at home. Whilst there are many Apps that work without connection, they will be required to use the Internet for homework & emailing requirements at times as stipulated by their teacher.

According to Forbes, charging an iPad every day for a year will require 12kWh of electricity per year, which will cost just a few dollars per year. ([Forbes](http://www.forbes.com/pictures/ekhf45ffjkj/ipad-150-per-year/))
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