



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL **BULLI**  
*Truth and Light*

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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers

**RE: 1:1 iPad FOR LEARNING PROGRAM - YEAR 3 2022**

The use of technology in the education setting provides many benefits including digital modes by which students can collaborate, critically think, creatively apply learning and communicate. Integrating technology into learning and teaching provides a valuable tool for students and their learning.

Technology is now a given in 21st-century learning. At St Joseph's, learning is planned, taught and assessed by teachers based on the NSW Educational Standard Authority (NESA) Curriculum. Learning across the curriculum includes general capabilities identified as important learning for all students. Included in these general capabilities is the *Information and communication technology capability*. The use of digital technologies in classrooms contributes to the development of your child's capacity to think, solve problems, respond and communicate, and access learning resources not otherwise available.

In 2022, your child will enter Year 3 and join the St Joseph's *1:1 iPad for Learning Program*. Below is an overview of the program.

**Cost and Purchase**

Parents enter into an iPad Purchase Agreement with the school. The school provides a discounted school-managed iPad for your child's learning. The cost will be included as interest-free payments in your School Fee Statement over two years. Alternatively, full payment can be made upfront.

As a school-managed device, the school pays for the purchase of the required Apps for learning.

**iPad as an exclusive tool for learning**

iPads have great entertainment value. However, our experience as educators, along with feedback from parents, tell us that the iPad is most effectively used in the classroom setting when it is not seen as a gaming device and is understood to be a tool for learning like many other resources. As such, no iPad can have apps installed such as games, social media apps or other apps deemed inappropriate or distracting to learning in the school environment.

The intention of the St Joseph's *1:1 iPad for Learning Program* is that the iPad be exclusively used as a tool for learning. All apps installed on an iPad have an educational purpose for learning in the classroom environment.

**A school managed device**

As a tool exclusively used for learning, your child's *iPad for Learning* will be managed by the school. The St Joseph's *1:1 iPad for Learning Program* is sincerely designed to assist families, and foster the wellbeing, development and learning of our students.

This means that the school sets up the *iPad for Learning* and installs the required educational apps. There is no need for parents to supply an Apple ID as all student accounts are managed and configured by the school. At the end of your child's enrolment and when all School Fee accounts are paid, the iPad will be unlocked from the school's iPad management system, reset, and ownership transferred to parents who will then own the iPad outright.

## 10 Reasons why your child's *iPad for Learning* is a school managed device?

### 1. **The school sets up the iPad, Apple ID and purchases Apps**

In the past, many families struggled each year to set up and maintain their child's iPad, Apple ID, App purchases, and deal with in-app purchasing problems. Families do not have to worry about an Apple ID or installing Apps as the school sets up the iPad and installs all the Apps your child requires for learning.

### 2. **The school can add Apps throughout the year**

Additional apps used for learning can be efficiently installed remotely by teachers throughout the year and when required. Parents do not have the hassle and cost of downloading new Apps throughout the year with limited time. Students are unable to download or remove apps on the device.

### 3. **Teachers can monitor work, send resources, and change all student iPad settings to suit learning.**

Teachers are able to monitor student work and push out learning resources during a lesson. The school's iPad management system allows teachers to remotely change settings and add Apps on all iPads at the same time. This means no student is disadvantaged by having to wait for a parent to purchase and download an app.

### 4. **The iPad is exclusively used for learning**

This removes distractions such as games and sets up the right digital environment for learning. No iPad can have apps installed such as games, social media apps or other apps deemed inappropriate or distracting to learning in the school environment.

### 5. **200GB iCloud account for storage**

The school-managed *1:1 iPad for Learning Program* provides each student with a special education 200GB iCloud account for storage of their work at no cost to parents. The school iCloud account has assisted with restoring a child's disabled iPad and ensuring little to no data was lost.

### 6. **Reduced screen time**

Screen time is fast becoming an issue and children are often seen as being addicted to their iPad. Parents are challenged in trying to restrict their child's screen time. Your child's *iPad for Learning* will be set to restrict screen time to between 7:30 am and 7:30 pm, making it easier for families and healthier for children. This has eliminated arguments at home with children about extending screen time and has also resolved problems with children accessing the iPad late at night and unsupervised.

### 7. **Cyber Safety**

Perhaps the biggest problem continually arising with young school children is the growth of cyber safety issues and cyberbullying. Primary school children are too young to own most social media accounts (usually from 13 years of age) and should not use such accounts. Your child's *iPad for Learning* will have no social media apps included. iMessage is not accessible to students and this has dramatically reduced student distraction and problems with inappropriate messaging in and out of school hours.

In addition, prior to receiving the device, your child will participate in a Cyber Safety unit of work in class, early in Year 3.

### 8. **Filtered content and website blocking**

The school has the capacity to remotely filter content, block and restrict undesirable websites within the school environment.

### 9. **At school iPad storage option**

The school is able to provide a storage option for the iPad to remain at school, secured in a lockable cabinet each afternoon and/or over the school holidays. Overnight the iPad is charged at school ready for the following day. Many parents choose this option and it can be changed over time.

### 10. **All iPads are current and compatible**

The new iPad will be used for four years. A new iPad removes problems students have had in the past when provided with older iPads by parents or siblings. Older iPads usually create compatibility issues with newer learning Apps down the track and don't last. A new iPad will likely eliminate the need for a new iPad in Year 5 or 6.

## **iPad Ordering**

The school will order the iPad for your child's learning. Below is the information about pricing and the link to the Google Form to complete regarding the iPad purchase options.

### **iPad model options** for iPads for Learning Program

- The choice of either
  - 64GB 9th Generation iPad \$446.60 (RRP \$499)
  - 256GB 9th Generation iPad \$653.40 (RRP \$729)Please note that a 64GB iPad is sufficient as students have 200GB of iCloud storage available.
- Option to purchase AppleCare+ \$80 (RRP \$99)
- Option to purchase iPad cover *STM DUX Plus Duo* (includes Pencil slot) – \$39.60 (RRP \$79.95)

Please complete the [iPad Ordering Form](#) by Monday 1 November 2021.

## **iPad Purchase Agreement**

After completion of the google form, you will receive the iPad Purchase Agreement indicating your selected option. This will need to be signed and returned to school. Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions about the agreement.

## **iPad Cover Option**

Students may prefer to choose their own iPad cover. If so parents will need to purchase an iPad cover at the beginning of Year 3 and send it to school before your child receives the device. Further information about recommended covers will be provided.

## **Will there be a parent meeting this year?**

Usually, at this time of year, the Year 3 teachers and I would invite you to a parent information session but due to COVID-19 restrictions, this will not be possible. I am very conscious of the great importance of working with you as your child's learning progresses into Year 3 with the inclusion of an iPad as a tool for learning. Therefore, the Year 3 teachers and I hope to provide you with information about the use of iPads for learning, in an alternative format, as soon as possible.

## **FAQ**

I am very aware that there is a lot of information contained in this letter and that you may have questions. Therefore, next week you will receive a Google form inviting you to enter any questions you may have. These will be compiled, with answers, in a FAQ document and shared among Year 2 parents (no names included).

Thank you for the continued support you provide to St Joseph's as we seek to always ignite the passion for learning within a Catholic ethos for our students.

Kind regards



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