

Middle Park State School



2027 SCHOOL-OWNED IPAD PROGRAM POLICY

YEAR 3

*This information is to assist families with understanding
changes to our iPad program for Year 3.*

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In 2027, Year 3 students will use 1:1 school-owned iPads at school. The school iPads will be set up and maintained by the school, stay at school and remain property of the school. Parents will pay a computing device hire fee through the Student Resource Scheme (SRS) for each year in the program, from Year 3 to Year 5 inclusive. The cost of the device hire over three years will be much less than the cost of purchasing an iPad, case, screen protector and apps.

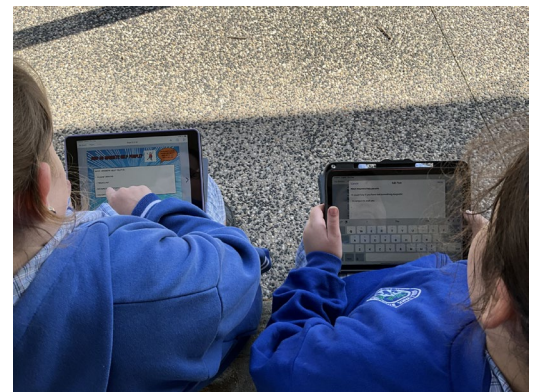
This change to a school-owned iPad program came about after extensive consultation with our school community. It seeks to:

- Reduce the responsibility on students to safely manage a device.
- Reduce the cost, setup and management demand on parents.
- Increase consistency and reliability of devices and efficacy of workflows for teachers.

HOW IPADS ARE USED

We strive for a balance between technology-driven and handwritten tasks. iPads are used when they are the 'best tool for the task at hand'. Some examples of how iPads are used for learning include:

- Creating presentations
- Practicing speaking and reading fluency
- Note taking and word processing
- Crafting and designing
- Researching topics
- Constructing animations and movies
- Coding and robotics
- Drill and practice for automaticity
- Brainstorming
- Explaining and recording learning
- Viewing educational content
- Creating and recording music
- Utilising accessibility features e.g. Speech to Text
- Sharing of work by mirroring iPad to interactive TV Panel



Students are educated in the appropriate care and use of their assigned iPad. All iPads connected to the school network have Department of Education filters applied. The filtering system provides layers of protection to staff and students against:

- Inappropriate web pages
- Spyware and malware
- Scams and identity theft

STUDENT ACCEPTABLE USE GUIDELINES

All students are to view, understand and sign the Student Acceptable Use Guidelines during their first week at school, under the direction of their classroom teacher. The poster is displayed in classrooms.



2027 iPad Acceptable Use Guidelines – Prep to Year 3

I will 'be safe' by:

- ☐ Viewing, creating and sharing content that is positive and respectful and for school purposes only.
- ☐ Keeping passwords and personal details private.
- ☐ Observing cyber safety rules to keep myself and others safe online.
- ☐ Holding and carrying my assigned iPad carefully and respectfully.
- ☐ Leaving my assigned iPad safely inside the classroom unless directed otherwise by a teacher.
- ☐ Using my assigned iPad away from food and drinks.
- ☐ Using my iPad on a table or in my lap and not leaving it unattended on the floor.
- ☐ Reporting any problems or breakages to a teacher immediately.

I will 'be caring' by:

- ☐ Taking and sharing photos, videos and sound recordings ONLY when directed to by my teacher and with permission from those featured in the recordings.
- ☐ Accessing ONLY my own accounts, not those of others.

I will 'be a learner' by:

- ☐ Being on the teacher-assigned app/program or task at all times|
- ☐ Maintaining all school-assigned iPad settings – not making any changes unless directed to by my teacher.
- ☐ Logging out of programs at the end of each activity, if using a shared device.

I understand that if the above guidelines are not followed, a consequence will be applied in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

Class: _____

Student signatures: _____

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WILL MY CHILD STILL UNDERTAKE HANDWRITING AND USE PENCIL AND PAPER?

Handwriting and book work still occur at all year levels, as is a requirement of the Australian Curriculum. We aim to have a balance between traditional pen and paper tasks and working innovatively with technology.

There is no minimum or maximum time allocation for the use of iPads and use will vary across year levels and subject areas and even from day to day. Our advice to teachers is to use iPads when they are the 'best tool for the task at hand'.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT USES A DEVICE INAPPROPRIATELY?

The '2027 iPad Acceptable Use Guidelines' for students outline expectations of use and the 'Student Code of Conduct' outlines consequences for inappropriate use.

WHAT HAPPENS IF MY CHILD DAMAGES A SCHOOL IPAD?

If damage is caused by deliberate or careless actions of a student, the costs of repair will be passed on to the student and family involved.

I HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS – WHERE CAN I DIRECT THEM?

Our device program webpage contains links to all relevant files:

<https://middleparkss.eq.edu.au/curriculum/bring-your-own-device>

If you cannot find an answer to your question here, you should direct your query to byox@middleparkss.eq.edu.au