

Device Requirements

iPad	Must run iOS 12 or greater Wifi only	<p><u>Preferred Model</u></p> <p>iPad (2018-Generation 6) 32 GB or 128 GB</p> <p><u>Acceptable Model</u></p> <p>iPad Air 2 iPad (2017) iPad Pro iPad Pro 2nd gen</p>	<p><u>Not Supported</u></p> <p>iPad Mini, Mini 2, Mini 3, Mini 4 (all models)</p> <p>iPad 1 (A1219 and A1337) iPad 2 (A1395, A1396 and A1397) iPad 3rd gen (A1416, A1430 and A1403) iPad 4th gen (A1458, A1459 and A1460)</p>
Accessories		<p>Protective Case (strongly recommended)</p> 	<p>Please note – apple case not recommended for the school environment</p> 
Headphones		<p>Over the ear headphones with microphone (these are included on your child's booklist)</p>	



Questions

Q: Why only allow iPads and no other mobile devices or laptops?

A: At this stage in our learning journey, we believe in a consistent approach to ensure best productivity with regard to maximising student outcomes. In providing technical support to both parents and students, it is also preferable to be managing one type of device. Our preferred device at this time is the iPad. Additionally, it is important to realise that students have access to laptops on a shared bases while at school.

Q: How much of the day will the iPads be used? Will the students still be using pencil and paper as well as handwriting?

A: This may vary from day to day and from student to student as student A may benefit from using the iPad more than student B. We still see a need for students to use pencil and paper and to practice handwriting. Additionally, we have discovered that a balance of technology and the traditional approaches/resources is essential to support teaching and learning at Park Lake State School.

Q: Will the iPads be managed at home or at school eg. loading apps, updating the device?

A: The iPads will be mainly managed at home but technical support is available from school if the need arises. Parents will still need to install paid and free apps.

Q: I feel like my children know more than me about the use of technology. What can you do to support us as parents?

A: We have will offer a range of support to our families including face-face workshops in Term 1. Our school technician will be available to support families with set up throughout the pupil free days and first week of the term.

Q: What about parents who are keen to be involved in the program but cannot afford purchase of the device?

A: All children will have access to iPads on a weekly basis. In 2019, we are starting with a small number of classes and as the program grows, we can explore options.

Q: Will I be expected to purchase a brand new iPad and do I have to purchase from a particular store?

A: No, you can choose to use an iPad that you already own (as long as it is able to run IOS 12) or purchase a used iPad. You may visit any store of your choice to make purchases. As one option, our P&C are currently negotiating some package deals with a number of providers.

Q: How much money will I be expected to spend on apps?

A: We are limiting the amount to be spent on apps in the first year to \$30-\$40. For every year after this, we would expect no more than \$10 per year to be spent on paid apps. Please be aware that Apple's 'Family Sharing' means that apps are shared across a family – and only need to be purchased once.

Q: Should we purchase a case/cover for the iPad and if so, which one should we buy?

A: Yes, a case/cover is required for your child's iPad. There are many competitively priced cases and covers on ebay or you can choose to purchase form a local store. A fully enclosed case with a clear tempered glass screen protector may be the most protective case for an iPad. We recommend that the case should protect both the front and back of the iPad. You should also consider purchasing a waterproof sleeve to put the iPad (in its case) inside e.g. wetsuit material, in case of drink spillage in your child's bag.