Device Selection

Apple iPad must support newest iPadOS (currently 26.7.1) but **iPadOS 27 for 2027**

Preferred iPads
iPad (11th gen.- A16) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | 10.9" | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
iPad (10th gen.) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | 10.2" | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
Accepted iPads
iPad (9th gen.) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
iPad mini (6th gen. and newer) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
iPad Air (4rd and newer) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
iPad Pro (4th – and newer) | Wi-Fi | 64gb+ | iPadOS 26.7.1/ 27
• Please note that the iPadOS is updated annually and **older devices may not support the newest version**, resulting in future loss of iPad use. • Prior consultation with the school must be sought if the iPad has mobile data enabled.

Accessories

Over ear headphones with microphone and a connection to suit your iPad is required. **A strong protective case is required**. Waterproof cases that allow access to buttons. An ipad pen that connects to the ipad is also supported. For students in year 5 and year 6 a keyboard may be suggested.

Device Care

The upmost care will be made for all devices however, accidents can happen. We strongly suggest that **the device is insured** either through home and contents policies, Apple Care+, or an alternative insurance scheme.

Apps

The device must have COMPANY PORTAL the Microsoft InTune app installed. This is a free app from the app store and ensures the correct school-based apps are installed and provides access to the school network for internet access.

The device **must be allowed to be enrolled into Apple Classroom using Airdrop**. This is to ensure the iPad can be attached to an Apple classroom where work can be sent and monitored on the device. Check the iPad name is the child's name.

***Please note it is strongly suggested that you remove the news app as a widget when setting up the iPad.** Also please be aware that **VPNs are NOT supported** by Education Queensland networks.

School Use

The iPad at school is **a tool for Learning** only. Any games or apps used at home should be placed in a separate folder and will not be accessible during the school day.

We require each device to be set up correctly for school use. The iPad **must have an image of the student on both the lock screen and wallpaper**. This is to ensure we know who belongs to the device. iPads should also be clearly named (on case).

Each device **must have a 4–6-digit passcode.** It is recommended it be the child's misID (username provided by their teacher) or their birth date (i.e. username= passcode: mdorn4/ or/ born October 1989 = passcode: 1089).

The device and any extras (headphones/pen/keyboard) must come to school charged and ready for learning each school day. (Let teacher know if there is a problem.)

Before/ After School and Break times.

The device **must not be used before or after school**, and must remain in the student's school bag.

The device will be **secured in the classroom during break times,** and the student will not have access to it during these times.

A **responsible use agreement must be signed** by each student before using an iPad at school (BYOD agreement or school ICT agreement).

Home Use

Screen time and restrictions may be set for devices; however, they will need to be **turned off in the beginning** of the year to access the school network. They may also need to be turned off during the school day if they hinder access to websites such as SAFARI that are required for learning at school.

Home apps should be kept in a separate folder that can be locked though parent restrictions. School apps, however, must be accessible during the school day.

First and foremost, the device is owned by each family and can be configured in a way that best suits the family needs. However, **when the iPad enters the school each day, it must align with the guidelines set forth**.

Disclaimer: This document supports the Springfield Lakes State School BYOD Charter/ and Responsible Use agreements that must be signed by the student and the parent.