

# **Inverleigh Primary School**

## **Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program**

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

#### **Do I have to buy an iPad for my child?**

From 2022, all families with students in Grade 3-6 are requested to purchase their own iPad for their learning. Whilst this is not compulsory, we strongly encourage all families to participate.

2022 Grade 3 students are requested to purchase an iPad that meets the schools minimum specifications. You will have received information regarding the minimum device requirements and purchasing an iPad from JB HiFi Solutions.

Current Grade 3-5 students have been offered the opportunity to purchase their current allocated iPad by paying out the remaining instalments of the original tech levy. Once this is paid the ownership of this iPad will be theirs. These students also have the option to purchase a new iPad.

#### **What iPad is recommended for my child to have?**

We strongly recommend the Apple 9<sup>th</sup> Gen iPad either a 64gb or a 256gb.

The iPad 8<sup>th</sup> Generation (2019) is the oldest iPad we recommend, as anything older than this may not be compatible with the forever evolving Apple IOS system.

#### **Where can I purchase an iPad?**

IPS has teamed up with JB HiFi to provide a Parent Purchasing Portal and are our preferred provider. After looking at several providers and purchasing options, the school is confident that JB HiFi Educational Solutions provides the best purchasing options for our school community. As a school we have been purchasing our iPads through JB HiFi Educational Solutions for several years. Apple iPads are not usually discounted to the public, but JB HiFi Educational Solutions will continue to offer parents the opportunity to purchase iPads at the school's discounted rate. You will find information regarding the Parent Purchasing Portal on our school website.

iPads can also be purchased from other companies that stock electronics such as, Officeworks, Apple, Harvey Norman, Big W etc.

#### **Do I need insurance on the iPad?**

We recommend purchasing insurance through the portal when you are buying the iPad. Alternatively, check with your home and contents insurance policy to see what additional coverage you may have and if it is covered under your insurance policy.

Insurance on the iPad will be your responsibility, the school insurance does not cover damage or theft of personal belongings of students.

#### **What happens if my child's iPad is lost, stolen or damaged?**

It is the owner's responsibility. The school will not be held responsible for any damage or theft of the iPad. Again, check with your home and contents insurance to see if the iPad is covered or purchase insurance through the JB HiFi portal when buying the iPad.

### **How secure will the iPad be at school?**

When not in use the iPads will be stored and charged in secure iPad containers which are located in each classroom.

### **Can my child take their iPad home each night?**

Yes, your child will have the ability to take the iPad home, as it will be owned by you. However, we highly recommend that the iPads stay at school as much as possible to ensure that they are charged overnight ready for use at school, they receive important security updates, and it minimises the risk of damage in your child's school bag.

### **What apps are needed?**

The school will supply and install all required apps through the management system that will be installed at the beginning of the year.

### **Will the iPad need a case?**

We strongly recommend purchasing a case that fully protects the iPad, e.g. a flip case that folds over the screen to protect it.

### **What if I am unable to purchase an iPad?**

If purchasing an iPad causes undue hardship, please speak with Anne in the office.

### **Will my child miss out if they do not have their own iPad?**

No they will not, we have a collection of school iPads that will be accessible to those children without their own iPads however they are to remain at school and cannot be taken home as they are school property.

### **If my child leaves their iPad at home, what happens then?**

They will be able to access the school owned iPads for the day.

### **Can my child or anyone in the household download their own apps/music/media on the iPad?**

Yes, as it is your iPad.

The school has Firewall security in place which will block the usage of some apps at school that you (or your child) may choose to install for use at home. Your child will not be able to access social media sites, for example, while at school. It is also important to note that we will need to install a program manager app to every student iPad so that we can manage all the apps that are required for learning. This manager app will be downloaded onto the iPad at the beginning of the school year, this procedure wipes the iPad clear so please be mindful of this. This management system will only be in effect whilst on the school network.

We recommend parents/guardians ensuring that only age-appropriate apps/content are downloaded on the iPad and have a discussion with your child about websites/apps that could be inappropriate. If anything inappropriate has been downloaded then it should be removed by the parent/guardians.

You are responsible for all internet/app/content etc. safety at home.