

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is this program being proposed?

Under the Australian Curriculum, it is expected that students learn to use ICT effectively and appropriately to access, create, and communicate information and ideas, solve problems and work collaboratively in all learning areas at school.

Subiaco Primary initiated a 1-1 BYOD program in Year 4 during 2015 with great success and we will have four (4) classes across Year 4 and Year 5 involved with BYOD 1-1 Program.

Together, the teachers and School Board have researched current ICT informed practice in education and Subiaco Primary School's current and future capacity to deliver this. With this at the forefront, the School Board has strongly advocated the introduction of a 1-to-1 program.

1-to-1 programs are our next step towards individualising learning, which can increase independence and self-initiated learning in students, and extend their learning beyond the classroom.

What impact will iPad usage have on collaboration in the classroom?

As in a conventional classroom, there will be times when students will work independently and times where they will work collaboratively. Observations made by our own teachers show that collaboration, peer teaching and student engagement in co-operative tasks is enhanced by the iPad use in the classroom.

How often will iPads be used in the classroom?

While students will have their iPads with them and available for use throughout the school day, they will not be used in every lesson, and their use will vary from day-to-day depending on the learning focus. Like other learning tools, their use will depend on the particular learning activity, and will invariably involve other activities such as writing, reading, discussion and assessment.

Will students have sufficient time to learn the basics with this level of iPad usage?

Yes. It is current Department of Education policy that teachers spend 50% of instructional time teaching literacy and numeracy, ie. *'the basics'*.

Why is the school not providing iPads for student use?

The school is unable to fund a 1 to 1 iPad program. At Subiaco Primary, we currently have 85 MacBook laptops and 110 iPads for use across K-7. In 2010 we spent \$42 000 on ICT, a figure that increased to over \$105,000 in both 2012 and 2013. We have ensured access and opportunity, providing each K-2 class with pods of iPads each and Year 4-7 classes with pods of MacBooks each. Most classes have access to computer lab sessions and each class also has an Interactive Whiteboard. While these ICT resources have been very welcomed in the school, ongoing funding at this level is not sustainable.

Why introduce iPads in Year 4?

In Year 4, children's sense of themselves and the world expands, students' abilities to work collaboratively develops, increasingly students are learning from a wider range of sources, exploring a wider range of technologies and can reflect on their learning. Introducing the device in Year 4 means your child will have maximum use of it during the final three years of primary school.

Will iPads replace pen and paper?

No. Pen and paper will continue to be used every day in the classroom, just as it is currently. iPads are primarily a learning tool and not intended to replace pens and pencils. Much of the students' planning of their iPad activities will be conducted using pen and paper. And importantly, given the nature of school and national testing, the introduction of iPads will not detract from our teaching focus on legible handwriting.

What types of learning activities are students likely to be involved in via the iPads??

Teachers will select applications that support the explicit teaching of literacy and numeracy as well as problem solving and critical and creative thinking activities. In addition to accessing selected websites and digital learning objects, some examples of learning opportunities utilizing iPads could include: photo book, movie, comic, mind map, graphics with voiceover, composing songs, mapping, 3D design, word processing, publishing with more sophisticated layouts, Web Page, Blog, Pod cast and Slideshow.

Why is the school proposing the iPads and not Apple MacBook?

iPads are a light, highly portable device that enhance learning across the curriculum. Their flexibility allows easy integration of higher order and creative thinking skills and opportunities to share learning in a range of creative contexts. We have spent a considerable amount of time researching and working with iPads over the past 4 years. The iPad will access the internet, student portal email and CONNECT Online Curriculum. It allows for word processing, creation of spreadsheets and presentations.

What protection/filtering will be in place to protect students?

The school shares responsibility with parents, government and the community to protect our children from the impact of inappropriate material on the internet.

Subiaco Primary School always strives to provide duty of care and ensures that protocols have been taken to **minimise** risk of exposure to unsuitable material. Cyber safe practices are a priority at Subiaco Primary School and if my child encounters any material that makes them feel uncomfortable they are directed to turn off the device and alert the teacher immediately.

Department of Education computer software management filters, blocks content, and views student access online. Every internet request and download is recorded, logging user ID, time, page element accessed, size of element, method of access and the machine from which the request was made. The Department regularly monitors these logs for breaches.

Subiaco Primary School *Digital User Agreement* is signed by students and parents at the beginning of each year.

A primary school classroom is a protective and ideal environment to teach students safe and effective internet use and cyber safety before high school.

What mechanisms are available to allow parents to control iPad usage out of hours?

The iPads come with restrictions to allow parents to manage, monitor, and control websites, apps and other features of the iPad.

How will students be encouraged to care for their iPads?

Students will be taught to care for their iPads. We understand from other 1-to-1 schools that caring for the devices has not been an issue of any significance.

The biggest issue we have encountered has been cracked screens due to an inadequate cover.

How will iPad protection be managed (including to & from school)?

The iPads will be protected in a hard-case and then carried inside the school bag away from their drink bottle.

What if I don't provide an iPad?

The iPad program is **completely voluntary**. Students who do not have their own device will have shared access to school iPads.

What iPad should I buy?

We recommend iPad 3 or newer. These can be purchased from a variety of recommended Apple resellers. Purchasing an older iPad may mean your device unable to be updated and the compatibility of apps may become an issue in the future

Why 32G?

The recommended size for an iPad in an educational environment is 32G. Items stored on the iPad include apps, photos, videos and other media and 32G will enable students to store their work on the device without having to manage the content externally. It allows the flexibility for home and holiday use by your family.

What research supports 1 to 1 iPads in Primary Schools?

During 2015, Subiaco Primary School undertook an iPad study across the year 4 classes. The results of this study can be found on Subiaco Primary School's website <http://subiacops.wa.edu.au/>
The Dept of Education's Independent evaluation of the iPad initiative concluded that teaching with iPads:

- Improved independence and self-initiated learning among students
- Improved student motivation and active engagement in learning in literacy and numeracy
- Improved capacity for teachers to plan for and meet individual student needs
- Extend students' learning beyond the classroom
- Improve parental engagement in learning and
- Strengthened home-school links

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What if my child already has an iPad 3 or newer generation?

If your family already has an iPad 3 or newer generation and you would like to send this to school with your child, you do not need to purchase a new device at this time.

APPS

You will be required to install apps on your child's iPad while at home in order for them to participate fully in the 1:1 iPad program. A list of apps which need to be installed on all iPads will be provided.

Subiaco Primary School staff will not be able to install apps on your child's iPad.

If you purchase the AppleCare Protection Plan for your iPad you are provided with 24/7 telephone support from Apple technical experts for 2 years. If you have problems installing apps they will provide assistance over the phone.

Where should I get my child's iPad from?

There are a number of options you may wish to consider in regard to providing your Year 4 child with an iPad to bring to school in 2015:

- You may provide an iPad you already have at home. Please consider personal items such as photos that you may wish to remove before you send it to school with your child.
- You may wish to purchase or lease a new iPad for your child.
- Winthrop Australia - We have negotiated with Winthrop Australia to provide Subiaco families the opportunity to purchase or lease iPads directly from them.

Why Winthrop Australia?

Winthrop Australia is the provider of Apple products to the Department of Education. They are able to provide a wrap-around service to schools including:

- One stop shop - the online ordering portal enables you to get everything you need in the same place.
- Warranty and Insurance - Winthrop Australia offers logging of warranty and insurance repairs through their online portal. iPads are dropped off at school to be logged by a school representative, collected by Winthrop Australia, repaired / replaced and returned in a timely manner.
- Support - Winthrop Australia offers ongoing professional development, parent information sessions to schools and phone support.
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Do we need insurance? What happens if my iPad is damaged or broken?

iPads brought to school are not covered by the Subiaco Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance.

If you lease an iPad through Flexirent you have cover against theft, loss or accidental damage. There is a 24hr replacement when your device is in for repair.

Before your iPad can come to school you will be required to complete a form providing the serial number of your device and confirming you understand it is not covered by the school or Department of Education insurance policy.

The student and their family/caregivers assume full financial responsibility for the iPad in the event of damage, loss, theft and any other instance of negligence and/or abuse.

Leasing

Flexirent in conjunction with Winthrop Australia offers a leasing option for parents. Details of this offer can be found at <https://portal.winaust.com.au/forms/view/211>

What else do I need to buy?

When you purchase your iPad you will need to consider the following:

- Your iPad must be fitted with a protective case, front and back. Keep in mind the students will be using them to take photos and videos so ensure the cover can be held or moved to allow easy access. If you purchase or lease your device through the Winthrop Australia portal, you may select a cover as an optional accessory. Heavy duty cases such as "Lifeproof" and Griffin "Survivor" offer additional protection.
- All Apple hardware comes with a one-year limited warranty and up to 90 days of complimentary telephone technical support. It is recommended you extend your coverage further with the AppleCare Protection Plan. If you purchase your device through the Winthrop Australia portal you may select the 2 Year iPad AppleCare Protection Plan as an optional extra.
- Your iPad is not covered by the Subiaco Primary School or Department of Education insurance policy. You may wish to check with your home and/or contents insurer if your existing cover extends to an iPad being brought to school by your child. If you purchase your device through Winthrop Australia you may select insurance through Protectsure as an optional extra.

Security - Before, after and during school

The security of the iPad is the responsibility of the parent/carer outside of school hours. Students are not allowed to remove iPads from classes during lunch or recess.

What happens if my iPad is not functioning properly?

If you purchased or leased your iPad through Winthrop Australia you have a 2 year AppleCare Protection Plan with 24/7 technical support. Your first option would be to access the support provided by the Apple experts through AppleCare. If they are unable to resolve the problem you will bring your iPad to school where a school representative will log the issue for you. It will be collected, repaired or replaced and returned to school in a timely manner. Some loan iPads will be available for use by students at school while their device is being repaired.

If you purchased your iPad independently or provided one from home you will need to refer to the warranty you selected at the point of sale. Apple products have a 1 year limited warranty unless you purchase an AppleCare Protection Plan which provides a 2 year warranty. The school will not be able to provide a loan iPad in this situation.

Will my child be able to use their iPad in subsequent years?

Yes, the students will use iPads in Year 5 and Year 6.

Can parents regulate what apps are installed or deleted on the device?

Yes. Restrictions can be set by parents to regulate which apps are installed or deleted on the device, as well as access to the iTunes store. Parents wishing to explore this can find useful guides on-line or obtain information at the various parent sessions which will be scheduled. The school encourages trust and monitoring in the first instance with blocking being the final choice.

Will students have access to social networking sites?

The use of social networking is not permitted during school hours.

Will the device add extra weight to their bags?

An iPad weighs 0.65kg – less than many books.

How does child backup the information that is on the iPad?

The school encourages students to back up any data that they have stored on their device. They can do this through syncing their iPad to a computer, or using work flow apps or technology to back up any data. This will be outlined when students receive their iPads.

Can you print from the iPad?

One of the benefits of the iPad is that a paperless work flow is simplified. Subiaco Primary will enable air printers for students to print from their devices. Students can print from the iPad at home if the printer was one of the devices configured to support AirPrint.

Will my child be able use the iPad during breaks at school?

No. Students are strongly encouraged to develop an understanding of the importance of maintaining a balance of work and outdoor play throughout the day. Students are only permitted to use iPads in classrooms or other designated areas during class time unless given special permission.

Will the battery last all day at school?

The battery life of the iPad is sufficient for up to approximately 10 hours. Students will be educated about the importance of charging their batteries and how to do this. Charging facilities will not be provided at the school.

Can my child have their iPad taken from them?

In the course of the school day a student may have their iPad confiscated if the student breaches the iPad *Digital User Agreement*.

Will students be allowed to have music and games on the iPad?

Students will be permitted to have legally downloaded music and games stored on the iPad. Parents are strongly encouraged to monitor the appropriateness of the games installed onto the iPad. Any non-educational apps must be grouped into a 'Home' folder.

How long will we have the device for?

It is generally believed that an iPad will have a 2-3 year useful lifetime in terms of battery and processor performance.