

St Patrick's Primary BYOD Program 2017 (Years 4 to 6)



Our Mission

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School is a compassionate community living the Gospel values. We strive to educate for excellence in a creative and challenging learning environment. We celebrate our history, embrace the present and continue to nurture the future generations by "walking in the light of Christ".

We utilize technology as a tool to aid our learning and develop critical thinkers who are able to access information and communicate effectively, thereby enhancing their potential as life-long learners.

Assessment tasks are explicit and meaningful, catering for the children's varied learning styles and provide diagnostic information for future planning. Reporting to parents is purposeful, varied and reflects the child's development.

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Our Philosophy



Staff

Our teaching staff are committed, skilled and innovative professionals who receive ongoing training in current pedagogical practices. They are dedicated to supporting each child to achieve their God-given potential.

Learning Environment

We provide a dynamic and supportive learning environment where students feel happy and safe. Throughout all year levels, the model of schooling offered by St Patrick's is underpinned by the Gospel values and encourages students to thrive to do their best in all facets of school life.



Parents

We recognize that parents are the first educators of their children and we encourage their involvement in our school. We share a positive relationship and welcome close connections between the school, parish and local community.



REQUIREMENTS

IPad Model

St Patrick's Primary School recommends an iPad with minimum 32GB as the children create and use multimedia that produces files that are quite large. It can be a full size or iPad Pro (we do not recommend a mini as the screen is too small). iPads must have iOS10 installed on them; therefore, we ask that the device be an iPad 2 or above.



APPS

A separate information sheet will be provided for each year level with their APP requirements.

iTunes Accounts

In order to purchase APPs and interact with content on the iPad, each iPad requires to be signed into an iTunes account. Prior to the iPad being brought to school, we ask that each family set up an iTunes account. iTunes accounts must be managed by a parent as Apple prevents the use of children under 13 having an account.

It is recommended that iTunes accounts be set up connected to a family account or by using vouchers rather than directly connected to a credit card.

Apple Sharing

Apple has a program called Apple sharing, where up to six people in your family can share purchases from iTunes, iBooks and the APP store without sharing accounts. This allows parents to pay and approve APP purchases on children's devices and share a purchased APP with more than one family member.

More information can be found on the Apple website.



We recommend that iPads are placed in a strong protective case that covers the edges of the screen to minimize the risk of breakages. We also recommend a case that allows the students to easily access the headphone and charging ports as these are features that are used regularly.

Headphones

We ask that all students supply their own headphones for school. Headphones are a personal choice and some are available through the school booklist.

These are some things we recommend you consider before buying a pair:

- “Over the ears” headphones allow children to block out external sounds and the volume does not need to be loud to hear.
- “In the ear” headphones are cheap and easily accessible, but they do not block out noise and can be dangerous due to the proximity to the eardrum.
- Headphones that have a microphone are very useful for recording.

Setting up your new iPad

Setting up an iPad is a simple procedure. Apple offer services that can assist you with learning how to use the device as well as setting it up. You can book appointments through the Apple website.

On the first day of school your child’s teachers will connect them to our network. We ask that the APPs from the class list are installed on your child’s iPad prior to the first day of school.

Policy and Procedures

At St Patrick’s Primary School using an iPad is a privilege not a right.

Each classroom teacher will go through our ICT policy and procedures at the beginning of the year to ensure that students understand their responsible use of an iPad.

ICT for Learning

At St Patrick's we believe that ICT is an integral part of our teaching and learning. The iPad is used to enhance the learning experience of your child and, as such, children are only allowed to use it within the classroom and for educational purposes.

We suggest that non-school APPs be placed in a separate file so that they will not distract your child with their learning.

We ask that the iPad is set to 'do not disturb' throughout the school day to ensure that iMessages or game notifications do not interrupt your child's learning. Parents wishing to contact their child during school hours must do so through the school office.

Appropriate Care for ICT

We acknowledge that iPads are a significant investment from parents in their child's education and, as such, we endeavor to take every care to ensure the iPads are looked after at school.

iPads must be carried to and from school in the children's school bags and are not allowed to be used during recess or lunch.

iPads need to be brought to school each day fully charged. This teaches the children to be responsible with their device.

ICT Safety

Technology is part of our children's lives and we must teach them to be good global citizens. Knowing how to use online technologies safely is essential to having positive experiences online. At St Patrick's, we believe it is important for our students to learn about cyber safety and know how to deal with issues.

For more information about our BYOD programme, please contact your child's class teacher or the school office.

