



WHY

At Portarlington Primary School we have been personalising student learning for some time now. Personal devices allow our students to access a growing bank of educational resources.

Student engagement increases as the children are more active in their learning. Knowledge creation and creativity are enhanced and the students take pride and ownership over their learning.

We are phasing iPads into our school with full implementation in 2022 in years 3-6.

Bring Your Own iPad

Families of students in Years 3 to 6 are asked to provide an Apple iPad for use at school. The iPad will allow students to enhance their learning significantly. It will support a range of learning activities where students collaborate, create knowledge, problem solve and think critically. Students will be able to produce movies, animations, podcasts and other multimedia products to name a few. Portability, long battery life, ease-of-use, its instant-'on' technology and wealth of educational apps make the iPad an ideal device to support teaching and learning.

We understand that for some families, the BYO iPad program maybe financially difficult and so parent/carers are asked to contact the school so that we can support you.

iPads

We have requirements for what iPad you can bring to protect our students and streamline their learning experience. The Department of Education and Training configures their networks to support the use of Apple iPads in classrooms. It is this reason why we have decided to choose the iPad to add to our BYO device program. The iPads support mobile learning and increase students' flexibility and exposure to ICT.

iPad Requirements

32 GB storage - WiFi only model with a protective case.

(Without a cellular or 4G mobile network capabilities).

Buying an iPad

Families make their own decisions regarding where to purchase an iPad from. iPads can be purchased directly from the Apple Store or from major electronics stores such as Harvey Norman, the Good Guys, Big W and JB HiFi. Each store has purchasing options, payment plans, after pay and other various choices for families.

We know that JB HiFi do operate an Education Solutions option which offers discounted prices and financing/payment for Education specific devices through a special portal. Products differ from those available in retail stores, as they are education specific and selected for their compatibility to school's ICT infrastructure and curriculum, as well meeting the student's needs at home. A BYOD portal provides a simple step-by-step process that allows you to purchase your devices, accessories, extended warranty and insurance all from the one place.

Portarlington Primary does not recommend a preferred supplier or provide any financial advice to families.

More information!

Please read our booklet:

Bring Your Own iPad- Information for Families

Contact our friendly office staff

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