

Kingsley Park Primary School

iPad 1-1 BYOD Program-frequently asked questions

Why does my child need an iPad?

- Research demonstrates that the use of digital technologies has a positive impact on student engagement and learning outcomes
- The iPad is a versatile device that supports individual student engagement
- iPads have proven successful in educational settings and have a superior range of apps and applications
- 1-1 programs maximise learning opportunities providing access to information anywhere, anytime
- Major benefit of 1-1 devices are that they can be networked for two way communication and collaboration between teachers and students and extend learning beyond the classroom
- Strengthen home - school links
- Improve a teacher's capacity to plan for and meet individual student needs



Why use 1-1 iPads in education?

To be successful when using technology in education, it is important to focus on engagement, creativity, inquiry-based learning and differentiated instruction. iPads and other digital learning devices are a critical part of the learning process.

An iPad is a tool to aide learning, it empowers the learner to engage in the transformation of learning experiences.

What if I already own an iPad? Can my child bring this one to school?

The school recommends an iPad Air, as Apple now does not support the iPad2. Your child is able to bring one but some of the apps may not be available. A mini will be

considered. You must ensure there is adequate space for the storage of student work as well apps and music used for home. [at least 16 GB]

Do we need to purchase a particular earpiece?

An earpiece is essential but the choice is up to you. Choose one that is affordable.

Does the iPad require a cover?

Yes. A cover protects the iPad from damage and identifies the owner. The iPad should have the child's full name and a contact phone number. It is particularly important to choose a cover that is heavy duty and protects the corners.

Does my child still require items from the booklist?

Yes pen and paper will still be used regularly. The iPad is a tool for learning and does not replace this.

What if my child's iPad is lost or damaged?

It is recommended that you take out insurance for your child's iPad as it is a student owned device. The school is not liable and will not take responsibility for damage or loss.

When you purchase a new iPad from a retailer, you will receive the Apple One Year Warranty. Apple also offers the Apple Care protection Plan for iPad which provides up to two years of expert telephone support and additional hardware options. This comes at a cost of approx. \$90, otherwise it is also recommended you add it to your contents insurance for travel outside the home.

Are the students able to use their iPad at recess and lunch times?

No for security and safety, devices will only be used whilst under the supervision of a teacher. iPads will be stored in locked filing cabinets.

Do the students bring their iPads home?

Students must take their iPad home each night. They are responsible for ensuring that their device remains fully charged and so must charge it each night. When travelling to and from school, students are expected to store their iPad in its protective case in their school bag.

Do students have unrestricted access to the internet?

No there are restrictions in place whilst at school. The internet connection to KPPS is filtered, to limit access to inappropriate content. Safe and responsible internet use is explicitly taught and consequences will be imposed to those children who seek out inappropriate material online whilst at school. We ask all parents to ensure iPads are used responsibly at home, and with supervision. Included is some information about sites that are not appropriate for children at Primary School.

Is it necessary for the students to have wireless internet at home?

Students can use iPads without having access to the internet. However, wireless internet would be required at home if you would like the device connected to the internet.

Can my child charge their iPad at school?

No. Students are required to charge their iPads at home.

What happens if my child accidentally leaves their iPad at home?

The school will phone the parent or guardian to arrange for the iPad to be brought to school. Should this not be possible, the student will have to complete work on paper and catch up with work done on the iPad at home on the same night.

Will there be times when the school network is down?

We take every measure to ensure the KPPS network is reliable but sometimes-unforeseen things occur. This is usually fixed quickly.

Where can I get some advice about safe and responsible use of social media?

KPPS is concerned about risks associated with social media and other online activity. We want all students to be safe and respectful members of the online community and ask parents to support our efforts in promoting responsible online behavior.

We highly recommend the website *ACMA* and have included an information sheet regarding safe use which is also available on the website.

Why has the school chosen iPads?

- iPads complement the existing technology in schools and are recommended by the Department of education
- The iPad is a versatile device that supports individual student engagement and learning
- Students can communicate and collaborate online
- iPads have user friendly technology, suitable for all ages
- iPads quickly startup/boot up
- iPads are light, small, and easy to carry
- iPads have a 10 hour battery life
- Apps are filtered through the Apple App Store which blocks unsuitable content
- Apple has an extensive range of apps and are currently far superior educationally
- iPads are proven to be highly successful in educational settings
- Most people are familiar with iPads

Do I need to create an iTunes account and which email address should I use?

Yes the parent/guardian needs to create an iTunes account on behalf of their child. And yes you will need an email address that ensures that you have access to all apps. For further protection, families are recommended to use an iTunes card rather than a credit card. Parents must download and monitor all apps.

What if my child is in Year 6 and only needs it for one year?

An iPad is an asset to any home in which all household members would have some use. If this is definitely not the case, then students can sell their iPad at the end of the year to other students who require them.

What if I can't afford an iPad?

No student will be excluded from the iPad program due to financial hardship

- Many stores will provide a payment plan
- KPPS has limited access to iPads but we will ensure that no child is disadvantaged and will have access of some kind to the internet. It will not, however, be a 1-1 device or be able to go home



How can I find out more answers to my questions?

Email: milne.louise.j@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Otherwise phone KPPS 9789 0077 and someone will get back to you

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iPad program-Ownership and Care

Ownership and Care: The iPad is the property of the student.

If any damage occurs to the iPad: report to classroom teacher immediately and this will then be followed up with the parent directly

Students and parents are expected not to:

- Uninstall the school Management Software
- Remove the Mobile Device Management Profile
- Use the iPad without the protective case
- Swap iPads with other students

Precautions

- Use a soft dry cloth to wipe over the iPad
- Cords and cables must be inserted carefully and removed carefully. Please name them
- The iPad must be kept in its protective cover
- The iPad should be clearly named
- The iPad must stay in the school bag when travelling to and from school
- iPads should not be used or stored where spills are likely
- iPads must be insured

Charging

- Students are responsible for keeping their iPad charged and ready for school each day- it is recommended that the iPad be charged over night in a room other than the bedroom

Screen care

- Apply a screen protector

Configuration

The iPad is a learning device and will be set up to operate on the school's Wi-Fi network. Parents will be responsible for downloading the relevant apps that will be used at school. A list will be supplied to each parent. Most of these apps will be free but some will require a small charge. It is an expectation that educational school apps are kept organised in the first few screens for easy access and direction.

Home Apps

- The downloading of apps must comply with all relevant Australian State and Federal Government laws
- Students must ensure they have enough memory on their iPad at any given time to complete their school work
- Parents must download the apps as *Children are not permitted under the App Store agreement to download apps*
- Home Apps will not be allowed or able to be used at school.

Back Up

- It is the student's responsibility to back up their iPad

Using Your iPad at School

- Students will be required to seek the teacher's permission to take a photo, video or audio
- Offensive material may not be viewed or loaded onto the iPad
- The iPad will not be used during recess or lunch unless for specific purpose as directed and supervised by a teacher
- Teachers will periodically check iPads to ensure the iPad is used in accordance with the guidelines and agreement

- If the iPads are not used responsibly at school, it will be taken and the parent informed
- If an iPad is being repaired a replacement iPad may be issued if available. This will not be able to be taken home

Using your iPad outside of School

Students and families are free of course to use your iPad outside of school, as they are your property and often a shared home device. However:

- It is highly recommended that everyone be familiar with cybersafety online. <http://www.cybersafety.gov.au/parents.aspx> will assist
- It is recommended that children do not know your Wi-Fi password or iTunes account password
- It is recommended that the children do not have an iPad with 3G/4G capabilities
- It is recommended that children are under supervision when accessing the internet at home



Safe Social Networking Information for Parents

Some people use social networking sites to threaten, harass or embarrass others. When this is repeated over and over 24/7 we call it cyber bullying. At Kingsley Park Primary School we rarely come across cyber bullying at school but there are sometimes cases reported from home and personal use. The following information is important for parents to know before children use Social Media Sites and Apps

Are You Aware?

1. Kik Messenger: is an app-based alternative to standard texting that kids use for social networking. The rating of the app is 17+, which changed when Kik Cards were introduced. Teens between 13 and 18 years old need to have permission from their parent or legal guardian before they create a Kik account and start using Kik Messenger.

What parents need to know: It's too easy to invite everyone in their phone's address book to join Kik There is some stranger danger as an app called "Oink Text" linked to Kik allows communication with strangers to chat with. Users can also submit photos of themselves on a community blog.

2. Facebook: To be eligible to sign up for Facebook, you must be 13 years old.

3. Snapchat: is used for sending goofy or embarrassing photos to others. Snapchats also seem to send and load much "faster" than email or text.

What parents need to know: Data is data and never goes way. Images are there forever. Snapchat is not intended for children under the age of 13. Again children aged between 13-17 should have permission from a parent or legal guardian before using Snapchat.

4. Instagram: is a platform that lets users snap, edit and share photos and 15-second videos -- either publicly or with a network of followers. Instagram unites the most popular features of social media sites: sharing, seeing and commenting on photos. Instagram also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

What parents need to know: Public photos are the default and may have location information unless privacy settings are adjusted. Snap suggests users shouldn't post partially nude or sexually suggestive photos, but they don't address violence, swear words or drugs.

*****Some other sights to look out for are: Google+, Twitter, Tumblr, Vine Wanelo (Want, Need, Love), Oovoo, Pheed, Ask.fm, Pinterest, Reddit, 4Chan, You Tube, Club Penguin, Moshi Monsters.*****

Suggested Steps Before Children Use Social Network sites:

- Research each social media site or app before use
- Monitor you child's usage
- Abide by age restrictions
- Explain what cyber bullying is and the consequences associated with it
- Set online profiles to private and be discerning about who your child accepts as a 'friend'
- Protect children's accounts with strong passwords that you know
- Make sure children have different passwords for each site
- Encourage children to "Think before posting"
- Ensure children understand that they shouldn't post personal information or post photos of themselves, family or friends that may be inappropriate
- Ensure that children understand that they shouldn't post photos of others without their permission and never click on suspicious links
- Make children aware of strangers-people are not always who they say they are
- If children are bullied or harassed make them aware of the procedures to follow eg take screen shots for evidence, report to an adult immediately etc



Keep in mind that the Internet is here to stay and is a great resource and a fun way to communicate BUT always remember that anything posted is there forever!