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Year 5 BYOT | Frequently Asked Questions

Who owns the Apple iPad?

The iPad remains the property of the family. The College manages the device for educational purposes while the student is enrolled in Upper Primary.

What will we be getting with this new BYOT program?

Curated Apple iPad bundle:

- Apple iPad 11" A16 Wi-Fi (only) 128GB
    - including Apple 20w USB-C charger and 1m long cable
- Logitech Rugged Folio Combo 4 (Combined case and wireless keyboard)
- LS Premium Tempered Glass Screen Protector, and
- Deployment service:
    - Device set up
    - Application of screen protector
    - Case fitting
    - Enrolment in Apple School Manager (ADE/DEP)

Please note, delivery is an additional cost.

Optional but recommended additional accessories:

- USB-C wired headphones
    - The Verbatim Audio Headphone Mic Classic Type C – Black wired headphones are available through the portal
- Stylus
    - The STM Stylus USB-C
- Extended warranty and insurance: two-year or three-year AppleCare+ available

How much will the BYOT program cost?

Current indicative pricing:

- Apple iPad bundle - $831.00
- Verbatim Audio Headphone Mic Classic Type C –wired headphones - $23.43
- STM Stylus USB-C - $27.00
- Extended warranty and insurance
    - 2year AppleCare+ - $101.00
    - 3year AppleCare+ - $146.30
- Home delivery with tracking - $15.00

Final pricing and purchasing details will be as per the nominated supplier's portal.

Why is the College introducing this approach now?

Expectations around child safeguarding, cyber safety and digital wellbeing have evolved significantly over recent years. This model enables the College to provide stronger protections and greater consistency while maintaining family ownership of devices.

What is a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system and how does it work?

A Mobile Device Management system, or MDM, is software that allows the College to configure and support many devices from one central console rather than setting up each iPad individually. It is what enrols the device into supervision, applies the settings profile, installs the approved applications, maintains filtering and security settings, and allows the College to push updates or fix configuration issues without the device being handed in.

What does "managed" mean?

Management of a device enables the College to configure and manage an iPad it does not own. Enrolling it in the College's MDM places it in supervised mode, which is what allows the school to install the required applications, apply filtering and security settings, and prevent those settings from being changed or removed.

Can families use any Apple iPad they choose or one they already own?

No. A consistent device specification allows the College to manage devices effectively, ensure all students have access to the same learning tools, provide technical support and maintain equitable learning experiences.

While some families may already own an iPad, existing devices may not meet the College's technical requirements. Older models can have limitations relating to storage capacity, operating system compatibility, or overall performance.

Purchasing through the nominated supplier also ensures that the iPad is correctly configured, enrolled in the College's MDM, and ready for use from the beginning of the school year.

Can we use accessories that we already own?

Yes and no. Additional accessories are available on the supplier's portal. The combined case and keyboard are a required purchase, but the headphones can be of your choosing, provided they are compatible with the specified Apple iPad model. It is important that students can use a keyboard and headphones at the same time.

This Apple iPad model has a single USB-C port, so the integrated keyboard case leaves the port free for wired headphones. We recommend wired USB-C headphones rather than Bluetooth, which avoids pairing issues in class. Recommended accessories are available through the nominated supplier's portal.

How will the nominated supplier's portal work?

The College works with a nominated supplier to select the approved iPad and accessories, and families are given access to their portal through a link, in a similar way to booklists. Families order online, choosing required accessories and any optional AppleCare+ or protection cover. The supplier then works with the College IT team, to set up the device so it can be enrolled in our MDM.

Families choose either delivery to your home or collection from the approved provider's location. The College will provide a date early in the school year for students to bring the iPad in, where the remaining configuration (e.g. connect to College Wi-Fi network) is completed on site.

Can we source our own iPad bundle?

No. To maintain consistency and for enrolment in the College's MDM, we require parents to purchase through our nominated supplier.

What settings will be applied to the iPad?

The following settings apply while the device is managed. They are the same on every iPad in the cohort and cannot be changed or removed by students.

- **Personal Apple IDs cannot be added to the device. Any attempt to do so will disrupt the enrolment process once on campus.**
- The AppStore is disabled and does not appear, so students *cannot* install applications. All learning applications are installed and managed by the College.
- Ability to connect to home Wi-Fi or hot spots.
- iMessage and FaceTime are disabled.
- The wallpaper is set by the College and cannot be changed.
- Apple built in Screen Time feature is not available, as the equivalent controls are applied centrally by the College.
- Operating system updates are applied by the College, along with the age-based protections Apple provides for students under 13.
- Common social media, gaming, streaming and generative AI services are blocked.

Do I need to set anything up at home when it arrives?

No. Please just name the case, so your child can identify it. Configuration happens when the Apple iPad first connects to a network either at home or at the College.

Will my child still be able to use the Apple iPad at home?

Yes. While the primary purpose of this iPad is for learning, students will be able to use the iPad at home should you wish; however, there will be no expectation to use the iPad for home learning. Parents will be notified should there be a specific request for this. Should you choose, students will be able to connect to home Wi-Fi and the internet, access learning materials through the browser and use installed College-approved applications.

Please be aware that given the device is enrolled in the College MDM, parents will be ***unable*** to apply additional supervision tools such as Qustodio. However, many modem routers do have the capacity to restrict by filtering content and websites. Please check with your modem's manufacturer.

Will there still be internet filtering at home?

Yes. However, filtering at home is ***not identical*** to filtering at school, because the College network adds a further layer that your home network cannot provide. The protections built into the device itself travel with it such as Safe Search iOS27.

These settings reduce risk but do not remove it, and they are not a substitute for parent supervision. We highly recommend keeping the iPad in a shared space or putting the iPad away as your student returns home.

Will my child be able to use messaging, social media or gaming apps?

The College blocks known social media, gaming, streaming and generative AI services, both as applications and through the browser. New sites appear constantly, so no filter catches every site immediately.

As mentioned above, iMessage and FaceTime are disabled.

Can students download their own apps?

No. Applications required for learning will be managed and installed by the College.

Can students use a personal Apple ID?

No. **Personal Apple IDs cannot be added while the device is supervised by the College.** Doing so will render the iPad unusable in our supervised framework. If students or families attempt to login to a personal Apple ID on the device, the iPad will need to be restored to factory settings so that it can be re-enrolled in the MDM.

What happens when my child finishes Year 6 or leaves the College before the end of Year 6?

The iPad will go through an un-enrolling process. This means that management is removed by the College IT team in person. The iPad will need to be brought into IT Services before your child's last day. The College will arrange for this to be completed prior to the end of Year 6.

Once management is removed, the iPad is reset to factory settings and the device becomes an ordinary iPad under your full control, and a personal Apple ID can then be added.

Can the device be un-unrolled from the MDM during non-school periods?

No. Enrolling and un-enrolling a device is a manual process handled individually by IT Services. The iPad stays supervised through the college MDM for the full period your child is in Upper Primary, including over holiday breaks.

What are the benefits for learning?

Students will have consistent access to the same applications, settings and learning resources. Teachers will also have improved tools to monitor devices, guide learning, minimise distractions and support students in real time. Teachers will continue to use the iPad thoughtfully as a tool for learning and as needed to fulfill curriculum requirements.

How does this support student wellbeing?

A College managed device provides consistent safeguards, age-appropriate restrictions, reduced exposure to non-educational content and clearer expectations around the role of technology for students in the Primary Years.

What happens if the iPad is damaged?

As the iPad remains family-owned, families will remain responsible for repair or replacement. We strongly encourage the purchase of AppleCare+ or equivalent protection as offered through the purchasing process.

The iPad ***is not*** covered as part of the College insurance policy and personal insurance will need to be considered.

Where should students charge their iPad?

Students should charge their iPad at home each evening and bring it to school fully charged each day. This is no different to the existing BYOT model. Ensure the iPad is charged in a common space such as the kitchen or study, not bedrooms.

As part of developing responsibility and organisation skills, students will be expected to manage the charging of their device as part of their daily school routine, much like preparing their school bag or completing Home Learning.

What about Home Learning (Homework) on their iPad?

Teachers in Upper Primary do not require students to complete Home Learning on devices. On rare occasions, the College may offer suggest the completion some Home Learning tasks on the device. **This will be both optional and clearly communicated by the classroom teacher.** We encourage you to take charge of the device as soon as your child gets home.

These recommendations are designed to empower families to manage their child's device use now and into the future.

Can teachers see my child's screen at home or after hours?

No. Teachers will be using Apple Classroom when at school which operates over the local network only, and requires Bluetooth and Wi-Fi enabled on both the student and teacher devices, with the student within Bluetooth range of the teacher's device. This automatically disables outside of Bluetooth range.

How can I support safe device usage from home?

Habits at home matter more than any technical control. We strongly encourage the following:

- Keep the iPad in shared spaces rather than bedrooms.
- Charge it overnight in a common space such as the kitchen or study.
- Set a consistent time each evening when the device goes away.

Will this be 100% safe for my child?

Just as we cannot remove every risk from children's experiences in the wider world, no technology system can guarantee complete online safety. This model allows the College to put stronger, more consistent safeguards in place while continuing to teach students how to make safe and responsible choices online.

Why aren't we doing this in Year 6 in 2027?

Year 6 students in 2027 will continue under the current BYOT arrangements for their final year of Upper Primary. Families who have already purchased a device will not be asked to buy another one. Year 6 students will also have access to enhanced BYOT support from our IT Services team. The supervised model begins with Year 5 in 2027 and moves through with that cohort, so that from 2028 both year levels are operating under the same arrangements.

Can we use additional parental control tools?

No, not on the device itself. The College's settings are applied through the MDM and additional parental control applications cannot be installed while the iPad is supervised. At home, your only other option for parental controls would be through your modem. Many modem routers do have the capacity to restrict by filtering content and websites. Please check with your modem's manufacturer.

When connected to the College network, the following protections are in place:

- Firewall filtering of inappropriate content categories and known VPN services, endpoints, ports and protocols;
- DNS filtering to provide an additional layer of protection against known adult content;
- SafeSearch iOS27 enforcement across major search engines;
- Network monitoring to identify unusual traffic patterns and repeated attempts to access blocked content; and
- Ongoing identification and blocking of VPN services and other emerging methods used to circumvent network protections.