

iPad 1-to-1 program 2018



Message to year 4 Parents/Carers

Since 2013, students in years 5 and 6 at Hamlyn Banks have participated in a 1-to-1 iPad program (one device per student). Our experience has been a very positive one, with improved student engagement and some amazing learning taking place.

1-to-1 programs are an element in an international move towards individualising learning, which can increase independence and self-initiated learning in students and extend their learning beyond the classroom. Students who have their own device have been found to take greater pride and ownership over the knowledge they create, with a flow-on to more flexible forms of schooling.



Why iPads? These devices are robust, user friendly and adapt to our school network. Due to difficulty in maintaining security, the Education Department does not allow us to connect android devices to our school network. Also, there are a wide range of excellent and free Educational Applications for iPads.

The Plan for 2018: To maximise learning in 2018, we are asking that students purchase their own iPad. That way they will be able to take their device home each night for continued learning and to share their work with parents/guardians.

Which iPad should I purchase?

- Any iPad with WiFi 16gb or above (a new iPad 32gb has been released in 2017 for around \$450)
- iPad mini is compatible but please remember that students will be reading and writing on the device.
- All devices must have Wi Fi in order to connect to the school internet.
- Parents are welcome to use an iPad that is already in the family.
- Please note- Android devices **will not** be able to be connected to our wireless network, so are **not suitable**.

Additional Information

- Please ensure you provide a cover which protects the front of the device and has a hard back.
- The school will provide internet connection while students are at school.
- While the school will take every possible measure to protect equipment, students will ultimately be responsible for their device. iPads will not be covered by school or DET insurance.
- **Please note** the iPad will hold a one year warranty however any damage not covered under warranty will need to be claimed through your home contents insurance.
- Students who do not have an iPad will continue to be involved in the 1 to 1 technology program.
- Families will need to set up an Apple ID for downloading of apps. This can be done **without** attaching a credit card. We will conduct an information meeting later in the year to assist with this. Alternatively you can use an existing Apple ID. Please do not share the password with your child if attached to a credit card.
- Students will be set up with a Google docs account which includes email, calendar, image editing tools, equivalent word, excel and power point. They will be able to access in the cloud (meaning anywhere they have internet they will be able to access their work and on any device e.g. windows, mac and IOS iPads). Teachers and parents will also be able to view students work via the internet. This will be set up at school and will be no charge.
- Many apps used will be free; others will be covered via the school booklist.
- Any apps/movies/music installed for home use must have acceptable content for school use i.e. no M15+, swearing, violence. Restrictions can be set for content.
- Families/students to sign an agreement re the acceptable and respectful use of internet and equipment.

Please feel free to call me at the school on 5278 3100 if you have any questions.

Regards, Kerrie Duan (Assistant Principal)