

2020-2021 Year 3-6 BYOD Program Information Kit



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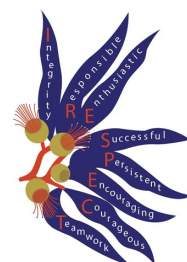
A Synopsis of the BYOD Program

It's about teaching and learning

A BYOD program is about creating a future focused learning environment that engages students and matches how today's students interact and learn. Through the strategic use of technology, we strive to develop learning environments in which learners are central and develop skills to be valuable members of communities of collaboration.

The Victorian Education Department has identified a number of reasons for the use of an iPad as a powerful and valuable learning tool:

<http://www.ipadsforeducation.vic.edu.au>



Why Hillsmeade Primary School is moving toward iPads?

The use of technology on a daily basis provides an opportunity to:

- Improve student academic achievement through the use of technology;
- Prepare students for tomorrow's workplace;
- Enhance teaching to transform the quality of instruction.

Our move toward iPads in the BYOD program is based on:

- Parent feedback; the overwhelming feedback received from families in 2018 and 2019 has indicated that they find iPads more affordable and many families have already purchased iPads for home use for their children.
- Office365 - a suite of apps enabling iPad users to access Microsoft Office products.
- Management options made possible through improved Mobile Device Management (MDM) software and Jamf.

Embarking on an iPad focused BYOD program has required the school to rethink the learning environment. In the past, the school has invested heavily in technology equipment including Windows laptops, iPads, SmartBoards, TV's, digital cameras and a substantial wireless network. Each of these is a tool for learning and teaching and as such enables teachers to design and implement innovative and interactive curriculum into the classroom. Student owned iPads allow the classroom to exist anywhere – in any classroom, in any outdoors location and in the home environment.

The concept that the school learning environment is no longer limited by the resources within the school is important. Through a sophisticated device such as the iPad, students can access vast amounts of information and knowledge and truly take charge of their learning. The iPad also provides a means of presenting work and assignments using multimedia elements such as photo, film and audio.

Hillsmeade Primary School acknowledges that technology should be an integral part of every student's education and seeks to offer progressive professional development for its teachers to ensure that the best teaching and learning occurs in the classroom. The iPad program prepares our students to be lifelong learners and to leave the school with the essential skills required in the rapidly changing future.

Participation in the Program

Participation in the BYOD program is **optional**. The school will continue to make devices available to students through shared devices in the classroom.

Purchase Options for the 2020 BYOD Program

Outright purchase or lease?

Parents/Guardians who purchase through CompNow will be able to purchase the device outright or enter into a payment plan with CompNow. This decision will be entirely that of the parent and the school will not be involved in any matters surrounding either pathway. Parents are also able to source an iPad from another provider but will be subject to some costs for apps and the “Acceptable Use Policy” of the school.

Parents can access the CompNow/Hillsmeade Primary School Portal and select their preference. The portal also contains a number of optional extras which parents may wish to consider.

<https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/hillsmeade>

The school will provide an iPad for use in class while any required repairs occur where the iPad has been supplied through CompNow.

Hillsmeade Primary School BYOD Agreement

Parents supplying own iPad

Parents/Guardians who wish to provide their own iPad are encouraged to do so. However, the following conditions apply:

- **Only iPad 2 or later can be used**, remembering the iPad 2 can no longer be updated to the latest iOS and will be unable to install some apps in the future. The iPad 1 has no camera, which is integral to movie making;
- The iPad will need to be configured for use at the school
- Parents will complete the “Learning Technologies: Acceptable Use Agreement”
- Parents will need to arrange their own extended warranty and insurance
- Technical support will be limited to school related access issues. All other technical support will need to be arranged externally by the parent

The following are key elements of the Hillsmeade PS BYOD program:

- Students’ name is clearly recorded on the iPad cover/case
- iPads will be taken home every night and returned to school the next school day;
- It will be the student’s responsibility to ensure the **iPad is fully charged** at the beginning of every day;
- Students will be required to strictly observe the “Acceptable Use Policy” of the school. Failure to do so may result in the iPad being banned from school use for a period of time as outlined in the “Acceptable Use Agreement”
- Students must place iPads in the designated storage space when not in use
- iPads must not be left outside unattended
- iPads should be protected by a cover and screen protector;
- Whilst at school, only apps and sites suitable for teaching and learning will be enabled for students to use.
- The iPad must be maintained in a repaired state. I.e. Screen cracks and other damages must be repaired as soon as they become apparent.
- A reasonable amount of unused memory must be available for installation of new apps and saving of student work
- There will be costs associated with BYODs, such as the mobile device management (MDM) and Jamf.