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iPad Program
Stages 3 & 4
Years 5 - 8
General iPad Information – FAQs

Why an iPad for School?
Mobile learning devices, particularly iPads, enable students to access the internet, use organisational tools and engage with an array of learning resources. Students are able to take notes, plan, problem solve, collaborate, word process, produce spreadsheets and create presentations that combine many multimedia elements. Through the Apple App Store students have access to a large variety of quality apps and educational games.

The iPad is compact and light weight, making it very portable and with a battery life of ten hours will last the school day without recharging. It is a simple and reliable device and supports essential learning without complications.

How often will the iPad be used during school time? What will it be used for?
Great emphasis is placed on students using technology to assist and drive their learning, however we understand that outside an educational setting, skills are required to complete everyday tasks. Staff plan their teaching and learning programs to take this into consideration. The level of student iPad usage throughout the school day may vary, dependent upon on the year level of the student. The traditional methods of literacy and numeracy are still emphasized and explicitly taught. An iPad it is not intended to replace a laptop or desktop computer.

What apps should I purchase and download so that I am ready for school?
Teachers will provide a list of required apps. As new apps are being developed daily, teachers may request that certain additional apps be downloaded for student use throughout the year. We ask that you support the teachers by ensuring the new apps are downloaded upon their request. In Stage 4, common productivity apps that are recommended include: iBooks, Pages, Number, Keynote and Notability.

It is important that parents monitor their child’s personal downloads.

Do I need wireless internet at home?
As the iPad is a wireless device, it is most effectively used when connected to the internet, however you do not necessarily require wireless internet at home. Many of the apps do not require an internet connection, especially many of the digital creation apps students will use at home and at school.

I have a PC at home, not a Mac. Will the iPad work with my PC?
The iPad connects to either a Mac or a PC via iTunes. It doesn’t matter what you have at home, the iPad will sync, backup and talk to either platform or to iCloud online. Data files can be accessed through our own cloud at Lindisfarne. Ongoing support in this regard will be provided.
Can parents control the use of the iPad including which apps are installed?
Yes. It is important that students use these devices responsibly. Parents can set various controls, enabling restrictions on in-app purchasing and ensuring the immediate requirement of an iTunes password before downloading any apps or music. Encourage your child to show you what they are doing with their iPad and to let you know when apps are purchased. Ultimately it is the parents who control usage and screen-time on these devices. The beauty of the iPad is that it can be turned off and stored until it is next required.

Will students require an iTunes account?
Yes. We recommend that parents/guardians set up the iTunes account and choose whether or not to provide the student with their password. This helps to ensure that parents can monitor all apps that are downloaded. Please note, by utilising an iTunes gift card, an account can be created without the use of a credit card. Receipts for all purchases are sent directly to the nominated email address.

Minimum specifications required for your student’s iPad:
- iPad Air 2, Wif-Fi, with 32 GB storage.
- Protective case.

Optional extras:
- AppleCare Protection Plan.

Where can we purchase my child’s new iPad?
Lindisfarne has an arrangement with Apple which can be accessed online via the School website. This allows parents of Lindisfarne students to purchase an iPad, along with a wide range of other Apple products, at a discounted rate and have the added option of a bundle including a case and screen protector.

Information regarding this arrangement and a reference to a link on the School website will be sent to all families in the near future.

Please note: you may purchase your student’s iPad through another provider or store of your choice.

My child already has an iPad. Can that be used instead of purchasing a new one?
Yes, as long as the iPad meets the minimum requirements mentioned above.

Can I buy an iPad Mini or iPad Pro instead of an iPad for my child?
Aside from increased processing power, the physical screen size of an iPad makes it easier to read, type and write, so an iPad is preferred.
Why does Lindisfarne recommend the 32Gb Wifi Model only and not 3G?
Our Lindisfarne wireless network ensures that iPads are connected to the internet at all times. While connected to the School’s network there is no charge for usage or downloads and all traffic from the iPad passes through our internet filters and security. We have not chosen the 3G enabled model because it can bypass these filters using an independent 3G network, resulting in additional costs to be incurred by parents.

Will the iPad be safe at school?
All students are responsible for the safe keeping, maintenance and correct usage of their iPad. As iPads will be travelling to and from school in the students’ bags everyday, the School recommends purchasing a robust travel case. Upon arrival at school, students take their fully charged iPads into their classroom. Lindisfarne has observed that as the devices are student-owned, a higher level of care and responsibility is taken.

We recommend that parents insure the devices through their regular home/contents insurance.

School’s Electronic Communication Code of Ethics and the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
All students are bound by the School’s Electronic Communication Code of Ethics and the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement, which they sign along with their parent/guardian prior to being given permission to use any device at school. Students must also complete a Wireless Network Connection Request Form to be able to connect to the School’s wireless network.

What level of IT support will Lindisfarne provide?
The School IT personnel are available to support all iPad users with technical issues, such as ensuring the student’s iPad connects to the Wi-Fi network. The IT Department will NOT undertake physical repairs.

What if my question hasn’t been answered here?
Please ask. We welcome input from parents, students and staff.