iPad Program
Stage 3 & Stage 4
Year 5 - Year 8
General iPad Information – FAQs

Why an iPad and not a laptop?

To support the Lindisfarne teaching and learning framework and its commitment to the authentic integration of technology to enhance learning, mobile banks of school-owned laptops were introduced. The introduction of Apple MacBooks was a wonderful success and this initiative has enhanced students’ learning outcomes through increased engagement. With the release of the iPad the ideology of Mobile Learning Devices has increased significantly and with our successful introduction in 2012 of the 1:1 Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) iPad, students have moved closer to ‘anywhere, anytime’ learning.

Students are able to access the internet, use organisational tools and engage with an ever widening array of learning resources. Students are also able to take notes, plan, problem solve, collaborate, word process, produce spreadsheets and create presentations that combine many multimedia elements. Through the Apple Appstore students have access to an enormous quantity of quality applications and educational games not available on a laptop device.

The iPad is compact in size and light weight, making it very portable. Its battery life of 10 hours will last the school day without recharging. It is an instant-on, simple and reliable device. It supports essential learning without complications.

How often will the iPad be used during school time? What will it be used for?

We place great emphasis on students using technology to assist and drive their learning however, we also know that outside an educational setting, skills are required and relied upon 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 stage placement of the student. The traditional methods of literacy and numeracy are still emphasised and explicitly taught. While the iPad will be able to handle most of a student’s computing needs, 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 for your reference. The list is by no means exhaustive as new apps are being developed every day. From time to time, teachers will request that certain apps be downloaded for student use. We ask that you support the teachers by ensuring that the new apps are downloaded upon their request. In Stage 4 a small list of 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 applications that the iPad runs do not require an internet connection, especially many of the digital creation applications students will use at home and at school to complete tasks.
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 will be able to 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. You can also enable restrictions such as in-app purchasing on the iPad and enable the immediate requirement of your iTunes password before downloading any apps or music purchases. Encourage your student to show you what they are doing with their iPad and to let you know when apps are purchased. **Ultimately it is you, the parents, who will control usage and screen-time on these devices.** The beauty of the iPad is that it can simply be turned off and stored until it is next required.

Will students need an iTunes account?

Yes. We recommend that parents/guardians create and set up the iTunes account and make a decision as to whether or not to provide the student with their password. This will ensure that parents can monitor all apps that are being downloaded. Please note that by utilising an iTunes gift card an iTunes account can be created without a credit card. iTunes will email receipts for any purchases made to your email address.

Minimum specifications required for your student’s iPad

- 32Gb Wi-Fi iPad black or white
- iPad case

Optional extras

- AppleCare Protection Plan
- Apple earphones with remote
- iTunes gift card $70

Where can we purchase my student’s new iPad?

The School has an arrangement with **The Apple Store at Robina Town Centre.**

Benefits of purchasing the iPad from this store at no extra cost are:

- The personalisation your iPad.
- The set up your iPad.
- The engraving of your iPad.
- The engraving of an apple branded cover.
- Priority access to the apple genius bar.

Please be aware that to take advantage of these benefits you will need to contact an Apple Business Specialist when you go to the store. If you chose to engrave the iPad/iPad cover then the device will be delivered to your nominated address and is not available for pick up from the store at the time of purchase.

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.
Can I buy an iPad Mini instead of an iPad for my child?

Apart 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 the Lindisfarne recommend the 32Gb Wifi Model only and not 3G?

Our Lindisfarne wireless network will ensure that all iPads are connected to the internet at all times whilst the devices are at school. While connected to the School’s network there is no charge for usage or downloads. Please note: while connected to the Lindisfarne network, 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 own iPad. The iPads will be travelling to and from school in the students’ school bags everyday therefore the School recommends the purchase of a robust travel case. Upon arrival at school students will take their fully charged iPads into their classroom. Lindisfarne has observed that because 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 will sign along with their parent/guardian prior to being given permission to use any device at school. Students will also need to 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?

Our school IT personnel will be available to support iPad users. They will provide support 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 understand that there may be some early confusion and some questions may not be included in this document. We welcome input from parents, students and staff.