Digital Technologies

Adam Road
PRIMARY SCHOOL

On the road to success

BYO Apple iPad

Digital Technologies currently at Adam Road Primary School
We have been using various technologies, including the Apple iPad technology, for a number of years now. iPads have been made available to children as a tool to enhance their learning and creativity. Digital technologies in the classroom can maximise learning opportunities and the students' current use of iPads has clearly demonstrated this. Students are using the devices to search, create, produce, celebrate, demonstrate and reinforce their learning. They are excited, motivated and highly engaged. The use of technologies and the implementation of the Digital Technologies curriculum is thoroughly supported by our Network Support Officer.

Digital Technologies Curriculum
The implementation of the Digital Technologies curriculum occurred in all WA schools in 2018. Students learn how to connect, collaborate, access information and acquire digital skills to participate in the changing world around them. They individually and collaboratively use digital systems, transform data, create digital solutions and communicate their ideas.

How are we supporting our learners of the future?
The way children learn today is different to the way we learned; in the same way that how our grandparents learned is different to how we learned. While tools for learning are continually evolving, we are convinced that the most important tool in your child's learning at school is our staff. Children are embracing technology as 'just the way it is' and our dedicated staff continue to embrace the changes in digital learning, preparing our students with the skills required for the future. To enable this children need a 21st century communication tool that can collect, create and produce evidence of their learning.

Why Apple?
- The iPad operating system has a reputation of being robust and intuitive. Its simplicity makes for easy use at all levels.
- The Apple App Store tests all new apps before releasing them to the public, ensuring no inappropriate content appears.
- Apps perform the same way on all recent versions of the iPad, making it easier to cater for a variety of devices over time. Apple updates are pushed through automatically, ensuring users are consistently using the most up to date versions of the software. The Apple ID system allows users to change devices without losing any apps.
- There is a high level of support from the Apple Education Team.

Why iPads as opposed to Laptops?
- iPads are an engaging, easy to navigate device, suitable for all ages.
- The iPad's small size and lightweight nature makes it convenient to transport to and from school and to specialist classes.

- The long battery life means that students can make it through an entire school day without recharging.
- The iPad allows for easy face to face interaction, avoiding the barrier that occurs with a traditional laptop lid.
- The iPad's instant on and off capability preserves class time, not wasting traditional 'boot up' time.
- Numerous apps are available to compliment the Digital Technologies curriculum.
- Apps are constantly being developed and revised for these devices.

You may be wondering…

Will my child still learn to read and write?
Yes. iPads are tools, as are pens, books, rulers and calculators. Teachers know when to ask students to listen, when to discuss in groups, when to write on paper at their desks, when to research and when to use a digital device. None of that will change. Children will still learn to write and will continue to use books to read. iPads will complement and enhance their reading, writing and numeracy skills.

Can I supply an android/tablet device?
No. Adam Road Primary School has selected Apple iPads as the preferred device. Apple's support in an education setting is second to none. Our staff are able to support student learning and troubleshoot, where necessary, with Apple devices.

How much time will my child spend on an iPad each day?
This will vary depending on the type of activities and tasks being completed. The daily use of the iPad could be to create, to communicate, to research information or to reinforce skills and knowledge. At times children may spend less than 30 minutes a day using their iPad, while at other times it may be used several times a day for up to 3 hours.

If they won't use it all day, why do they need their own iPad?
In the same way that children having their own stationery optimises individual learning, so will having their own iPad. Imagine several children sharing one exercise book to complete their learning task. While the task can be completed, the learning outcome is individualised and faster when children have their own. The same will be for the iPad.

How will the iPads be secured at school?
Students will not be permitted to use their iPad while on school grounds, except under the direction of staff. Students will be responsible for bringing their iPad to

school each day and keeping it in their school bag until they enter their classroom. Classrooms will be locked when no one is present. iPads will not be kept at school overnight, students will be responsible for taking their iPad home.

Who will insure the iPads?
Parents/caregivers will need to ensure that iPads are insured, this may be through their personal home and contents insurance. The school will not take responsibility for insurance.

What happens if the iPad is broken or stolen?
Parents/caregivers will need to contact their insurance company. The school will not take responsibility for lost, damaged or stolen iPads. It is a requirement that your child's iPad remains in a protective case at all times.

What happens if I cannot afford an iPad for my child?
We encourage you to access payment schemes at various department stores to allow the cost to be spread out over a period of time. Some families like to align the purchase of their child's iPad as a gift for a significant occasion. The school will continue to have a bank of iPads accessible for shared student use.

Who will be responsible for charging the iPads?
iPads will need to be charged at home ready for the following school day.

Who will upload the apps and how will I know what apps to upload and when?
Parents/caregivers will be informed of the apps that need to be downloaded and then will download these apps at home. We anticipate that parents will be notified of new apps at the end of each term to avoid mid-term requests. Apps may be shared between a maximum of 5 devices with the same Apple ID at no additional cost. The current list of apps required is attached to the end of this document.

How much will I be expected to spend on apps?
This will be capped at $40 per year. Most of the apps used at school are free.

What type of iPad does my child need?
We encourage a standard sized iPad, not an iPad mini, for the comfort of your child. The minimum specifications for the selected iPad are:
- A minimum of 32GB storage to store large projects, photos and videos.
- A recent iPad capable of running the latest iOS – e.g. iPad 9th generation.
- A Wi-Fi only model (not cellular).

What if my child already has an iPad?
If your family already has an iPad you are welcome to send this to school with your child, provided it meets the minimum specifications listed above.

Where should I buy the iPad?
This is entirely up to you. We have consulted with local businesses and there are many options available, including department stores.

What else will I need to buy?
A protective case is required.

What happens if my child forgets their iPad?
Your child will complete their learning without it or a school iPad may be made available,

Will my child have to share the iPad I paid for?
No.

What happens if the iPad is not used appropriately at school?
Students and parents will be required to sign an 'acceptable use agreement' prior to the iPad being used at school. The school's Managing Student Behaviour Policy will be followed in the event of inappropriate behavior; as it is now.

Will the iPad be used to access the Internet?
Yes. Students at Adam Road Primary School currently have access to the Internet in order to complete different activities. This will remain the same with the BYO program. Students will be provided access to the school's Wi-Fi which is monitored and filtered by the Department of Education. Students will not be permitted to use cellular technology, hence the reason for purchasing a Wi-Fi only iPad model.

Will my child be taught about safe and appropriate use of technology?
Yes.

What is the life expectancy of an iPad?
Approximately 3+ years.

Will I have to buy additional Apple devices at home to support the iPad?
The iPad can be linked with any computer that has iTunes downloaded. Therefore an iMac, MacBook or iPhone are not necessary.
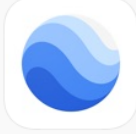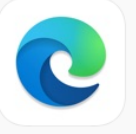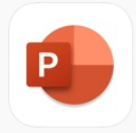
How do I set up my child's iPad ready for school?
The BYOD Set up Guide can be found on our school's website https://www.adamroad.wa.edu.au/ under the 'Parent Info' tab. Alternatively you can collect a hard copy via the school's front office.

Which apps does my child need?
Please see the list on the next page. If the iPad is also used at home, we suggest placing all school apps into one folder titled *School.*

App List – prices current as at 06/11/2023. Apps are free unless specified.

A+ Spelling	Adobe Acrobat Reader	Book Creator $5.99	Class Dojo	Dictionary	GarageBand
Google Earth	iMovie	Ken Ken Classic	Keynote	Kodable	Microsoft Edge
Microsoft Excel	Microsoft OneDrive	Microsoft Outlook	Microsoft PowerPoint	Microsoft Teams	Microsoft Word
Minecraft Education	NAPLAN 2024	Numbers	Pages	Pic Collage	Pyonkee
Scootle	Scratch Jr	Socrative Student	Sphero Edu	The Calculator	Times Table Quiz