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Lutheran Primary School

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Upper Primary iPad Programme

iPad, iThink, iLearn

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The ability to use and create with digital technology is one of the core outcomes in our contemporary Australian Curriculum. In order to meet curriculum standards, and to prepare students for future opportunities and eventual employment, St Michael's provides a 1:1 iPad program for our students from Foundation.

In Junior Primary, the iPads are school owned devices; managed, maintained and kept at school. By the time students reach their Upper Primary years, the digital tasks become increasingly personalised and students benefit from the ability to move their device between home and school. For this reason, we are continuing with the 'Bring Your Own Device' iPad program in 2023.

This program allows students to use technology in meaningful ways which are directly relevant to their everyday learning.

Students use their iPads as a tool to share their learning, investigate, create, communicate and collaborate both in their classroom and on a global level. The iPads allow us to effectively teach the digital technologies curriculum and to introduce our students to a number of coding and robotics experiences. It allows our students to seamlessly transfer their learning from school to home and back again.

Terri Taylor
Principal

Included in this brochure:

- Why iPads?
- BYOD iPad Specifications
- iPad Purchase and Insurance Options
- Educational Apps and App Purchase Process

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Why iPads?

iPads have been selected over other laptop, notebook and tablet devices for the following reasons:

Technical benefits of the iPad

- They are portable, compact, light and easily carried in the school bag.
- They start up instantaneously and are ready to use immediately as no network login is required.
- Their touch interface and screen layout are similar to other devices that students use in their everyday life.
- They have a sufficient battery life which enables them to be used throughout the entire school day.
- They connect automatically to the school's wi-fi system and hence to the internet.
- They connect wirelessly to screen mirroring devices in the classroom so that students can share their work on the class TV.
- Minimal support is required to load apps and updates.
- Over many years of iPad usage at this school we have found them to be relatively fault and maintenance free.
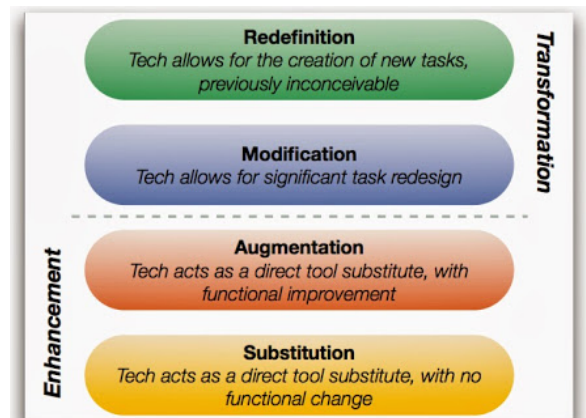
Educational benefits of the iPad

Digital technologies can have a positive impact on learners. Integrating ICT into the learning environment and teacher pedagogical practice can:

- positively impact on student engagement and motivation and attitudes towards learning
- allow students to control the development of their understanding
- enable collaboration, conversation and cooperative learning
- provide access to online learning communities and access to global communities to enrich learning
- enable the teaching and learning of the Australian Digital Technologies Curriculum.

Additionally, iPads:

- allow easy access to information, multimedia and learning activities both on the internet and offline
- enable access to a large quantity of apps, books and resources from Apple, who are a trusted educational software provider. Apple educational products are proven, tested and age-related
- give students the ability to create documents, presentations and multimedia in a very short time so that they can share information with ease
- enable students to choose the type of product they create to demonstrate their understanding of a topic
- allow work to be easily accessed at school and at home
- have a built-in still and video camera, eBook and audio book reader
- support the SAMR model of technology integration, where digital technologies allow for the creation of new tasks, previously unachievable.

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Bring Your Own Device

The Upper Primary iPad Programme is a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) programme, where parents provide the device for their child to use at school. Parents are required to provide an iPad and accessories for their child in time for the start of the 2023 school year.

Recommended iPad Models
- iPad 10.2" (9th Gen) 64Gb (or 256Gb) Wi-Fi
- iPad 10.2" (8th Gen) 32Gb (or 128Gb) Wi-Fi

(256Gb & 128Gb models are only required if extra storage space is required for home use).

Wireless Keyboard & Headphones
Standardised testing (eg. NAPLAN) now occurs online and a wireless keyboard and headphones are required for students who are sitting these tests. Please ensure that the headphones are compatible with the model of iPad purchased.

Other Accessories
- Protective cover and/or sleeve
- Screen protector

iPad Purchase Options

New iPads and accessories can be purchased from Apple Retail Stores, Apple Resellers and online.

Education Deals

For your convenience, the School has negotiated education deals on iPad packages through its preferred partner, Compnow. You can access the St Michael's BYOD purchasing portal at
https://shop.compnow.com.au/school/stmichaels

Further information on where you can purchase Apple products, can be found at
https://locate.apple.com/au/en/

iPad Insurance

All new iPads come with a standard one year warranty. It is recommended that parents investigate extended warranties and additional insurance against accidental damage, breakage or loss through Applecare+ Protection Plan, CompNow Tablet Insurance or existing home and contents policies.

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Educational Apps

Upper Primary Students use a range of educational apps that fall into two major categories.

Core Apps

The core apps are productivity, reference and multimedia apps for use across the whole curriculum.

Curriculum Apps

These apps have been selected for specific areas of the curriculum including English, Mathematics, Digital Technologies, Science, Christian studies, German, The Arts and Units of Inquiry.

List of Apps

A full list of apps that will be required by the Middle & Senior Learning Community students will be prepared before the start of the school year. More apps may be required as the years progress.

Parents may wish to install other apps they regard as appropriate for home use. This is encouraged as the iPad is seen as a device that students should use seamlessly between school and home. Students will receive an iPad Agreement which will outline which apps are appropriate for use while at school.

Purchasing Apps

Parents will be asked to sign up for an account at the Apple App store so that apps can be downloaded.

The majority of the apps are free and can be downloaded from the App Store to the student's iPad. The remaining apps will be purchased by the school and shared to the student's iPad for the duration of their schooling years at St Michael's.

If students require other apps for home use, they can purchase these using iTunes or App store cards, or other methods that have been established by their parents.

Further Information

For further information, setup information and app lists please visit our iPad Information page here - https://smlps.edublogs.org/ipad-programme/

To read about Digital Technologies at our school, visit our blog here - https://smlps.edublogs.org/

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