

Integrated iPad Program

In 2012 the Sacred Heart School became an "iPad school" through consultation with the parents, students, School Board and staff. 1-1 iPads were implemented in 2013 for students in Years 5 to 10.

What this means for your child is that from Early Stage 1 to the end of Stage 2, students will use class sets of iPads in the classroom to become familiar with using Apps on the iPad and to enhance their learning. Each class has access to approximately 10 iPads for shared use within the classroom which the school has purchased and maintains.

From the start of Stage 3 (Year 5) to the end of Stage 5 (Year 10), students are required to have their own iPad as essential equipment for use in the classroom, for assessment tasks and for homework. Students no longer use a paper diary but use the App on the iPad as their diary which enables them to keep track of homework, assessment tasks, important information and their timetable in one location.

Previously iPads were leased by the school and then leased to students through school fees. At the end of 2013 the School Board and Executive decided that due to associated on costs it would be better to have a Bring Your Own Designated Device Model. If obtaining an iPad Air 2 could cause financial difficulties, please make a time to meet with me to confidentially discuss alternative arrangements.

Before commencing at Sacred Heart 2016, parents need to organise the purchase or lease of an iPad for their child/ren who are in Years 5 to 10. We have worked with Mac1, the largest educational supplier of iPads to ensure this process can be as smooth as possible for you. If purchasing or leasing through Mac1, you will need to access the school portal online through this link: <https://portal.mac1.com.au/sacredheart>.

1. Once you have logged on to the portal, you will be able make your selections. The designated device is the **iPad Air 2 Wifi 64GB**. We recommend purchasing the iPad **without** cellular, as it is not necessary for school use and can provide unsafe, unsupervised access for your child to the internet.
2. Select your insurance option. iPads must be insured so that if they are damaged the down time for class use is minimal.
3. All students are required to have a **protective** case. We recommend you purchase one that has sufficient protection such as a survivor case. Cases are available through the portal or you may choose to purchase your own. There are some very good deals online if you choose to shop around.
4. The iPad will be delivered to your home address.
5. Applecare is an extended warranty and it is your choice whether to select that.
6. You will need to set up a separate account for each child.

If you purchase or lease through Mac1 and there is a warranty or damage issue, you will be able to bring the iPad to school, receive a loan device (if available) while your child's device is unavailable and we will send the device away for repair or replacement. The insurance through Mac1 is comprehensive and allows portability of the device. An insurance claim form is available at the front office. This will need to be completed and returned with the \$100 excess to the front office with the device.

You may prefer to source and purchase your own Designated Device and you can choose this option. **Please note that you may experience difficulties and time delays with warranties or replacements through insurance if you choose a different option to utilising Mac1. It is also important to check the excess payable.**

We have provided access through the Mac1 portal for ease of use, however you are able to make your own arrangements to best suit your needs. iPads are required to be insured as it can be very costly to repair or replace if they are damaged. We also require that the iPad is kept in a sturdy and practical cover to ensure it is protected to reduce the chance of damage and therefore becomes unavailable for use. All students in Years 5 to 10 are required to have an iPad to fully participate in the lessons planned by the teachers. A link to the Mac1 portal is also available on our website.

The iPad program at Sacred Heart has been running very successfully for almost 3 years. The program provides an opportunity to transform the classroom space into an area where students are empowered to navigate their own learning. They provide students with an unprecedented ability to develop personalised, student-centred learning. They allow teachers to engage students into their learning in a whole new way.

The iPad program has not replaced students' traditional learning, but rather it has supported and enhanced the learning that is taking place in the classroom. Students have been able to engage in new forms of creativity, participate in a variety of 21st century communication types and have been actively involved in designing components of their own learning. The educational advantages are clearly evident and we will continue to be an iPad school.

You will need to organise an iPad ready for student's first day at school 2016. To ensure that the iPad is able to connect to our networks and work efficiently at school, the iPad needs to be an **iPad iPad Air 2 with 64GB** available for memory. Previous models are still working so there is no need to purchase a new one if you have an old one, but if purchasing now please ensure it is an iPad Air 2 to have the iPad working effectively for as long as possible.

Once you receive your iPad you will need to do the following to ensure it is ready.

1. Follow the prompts to set up your new iPad.
2. Set up an Apple ID. Please note that students must be 13 to have their own account. Apple has released Family Sharing which can assist parents with creating Apple IDs for children under the age of 13. Parents can go to Apple's support page which will run you through how to set this up at: http://support.apple.com/kb/HT201084?viewlocale=en_US&locale=en_au
3. We will do the remainder of the set up at school. We provide all the necessary Apps for student work. Please ensure that parents know their child's password as they have a tendency to forget rendering them unusable without assistance.

At the beginning of Term 1 2016 we will run an information session for all parents which will demonstrate some of the uses, outline appropriate and safe use of ICT, highlight important points in the school's iPad policy and monitoring your child's iPad use at home. There will also be an opportunity to ensure that iPads are working correctly and connecting to the school system effectively. **Students new to our iPad program and a parent are required to attend this session** as there are mandatory "Appropriate use of Technology" in a school setting documents which must be signed. After this session, if these documents are not signed, students will not have access to the school system and internet until the forms are returned.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the front office staff or me.

Yours faithfully,



Mrs Janet Cartwright
Principal