

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1:1 School-Owned iPad Program

This is a collection of Frequently Asked Questions about St Catherine's 1:1 School Owned iPad Program. More information can be found in the iPad Operations Guidelines Policy and Procedure document.

Why 1:1?

St Catherine's offers a 1:1 School-Owned iPad program designed to foster creativity, global awareness, critical thinking and collaboration. We have reached a point in that the only way to provide the skill-set necessary to meet our students learning needs is to put one device in every student's hands from Year 3-6. Our students in Prep to Year 2 have access to banks of iPad during the school day.

Why iPad?

The iPad is the best educational tool at the current time to support the kinds of learning we see happening in and outside of the classroom.

Where can I learn about the iPad?

You can learn about the iPad directly from Apple here: <http://www.apple.com/ipad/>

Learn how the iPad is being used in the classroom here: <http://www.apple.com/education/ipad/>

What will be cost of the 1:1 Program?

The 1:1 iPad Program, which includes technology support, management and maintenance, will be covered in St Catherine's School Fees, within the Technology Levy.

Can we opt out of the program?

No. We expect all students to participate and be on equal ground.

What if I already have an iPad?

Regardless of whether the student already has an iPad, the iPad that each student receives will have been configured to work on our school network and will include important applications and documents allowing students to fully utilise their iPad in the classroom, at school and home.

When will students receive their iPad?

All students in Year 3-6 will have iPads available during the first week of school. Students in Prep to Year 2 will have access to banks of iPads.

Who owns the iPad?

St Catherine's Primary School will retain ownership of the device.

Will there be any training for students on how to use the iPad?

Yes, there will be ongoing student training throughout the school year to help them understand the program, the school's policies regarding technology, digital citizenship, and general usage. Staff will also be able to assist students each day.

Will there be anyone at St Catherine's to help students who are having issues with their iPad?

Yes. St Catherine's staff and technicians will be available.

Will we be able to get a different model iPad than what is being offered?

No.

Will I need to create a new Apple ID/iTunes account for my child to use with the iPad?

No.

Can we put our own Apple ID onto the school-owned devices, so we can download personal apps and music?

No.

What Applications will come with the iPad?

Apps that are required for student learning will be pushed out and managed to all school-owned devices.

Are students allowed to jailbreak or modify the iPad?

Students may not jailbreak, modify, or in any other way tamper with the iPad's operating system (iOS). Removing any or all installed St Catherine's Profiles is strictly forbidden. Failure to abide by this can result in disciplinary action and loss of iPad privileges for a time to be determined by St Catherine's administration.

Do I have to have Internet connection at home for my child to use the iPad?

No, but it will be helpful as many classes will use the Internet to access content, collaborate online, undertake research and communicate with their teachers and peers. Also note that the iPad has no wired connection and can only access the Internet via a wireless connection.

Students without Wi-Fi access at home can still connect to the Internet at school. There are also many businesses that have free Wi-Fi connectivity available that the iPad can connect to (e.g., local libraries, McDonalds, etc.)

Will the Internet be filtered on the iPad?

St Catherine's uses Internet filters on its school network. While at school, iPads will be filtered using the same technology. While no Internet filtering is 100% effective, it does help cut down on students browsing inappropriate websites.

Will the school be able to monitor the iPad when used off site?

No. iPads used off site are out of our control and are not filtered. However, proper and ethical iPad use as covered in our iPad Operational Guidelines applies to usage at home as well as school.

Will my child need a desktop/laptop computer to use with the iPad?

No. However, there may be times that having access to a desktop/laptop computer could be helpful for quickly archiving data from the iPad, if needed.

Will students be able to purchase the iPad when they leave St Catherine's?

No.

What safeguards will be in place to ensure that student's information on the iPad will be removed once the iPad is returned to the school?

St Catherine's Primary School will ensure that all iPads are reset to factory conditions (erased) before any student is issued an iPad.