

Dear Parents

iPad Program

2022 will see the start of our Year 3 to 6 iPad program. The program aims to support our children's learning in the classroom, accessing digital resources and completing digital based activities.

At no stage will iPads replace our teachers, instead the iPads will be integrated into our teaching across Year 3 and progressively to Year 6. Our teachers will utilise the iPads when they feel it is required and balance this with explicit teaching in the classrooms.

The introduction of our iPad program will supplement our learning tools, our lab and fleet of laptops will be maintained. At Manly West State School we feel students require access to a variety of tools as this model reflects how we operate in the real world.

Our program cost is \$130 per year, and payment can be made in full or term by term. This will be invoiced once all notes are returned. The cost also includes technical support for 4 years as well as apps, case and device management. The cost ensures that all children receive exactly the same device and the device can be controlled and monitored by the teacher. The iPad will be controlled by the school, no apps can be added by a student. The iPad program will run for 4 years and at the end of year 6 you will have two options: you can elect to hand the iPad back to the school or purchase it for \$5. The iPad will be reset and disconnected from the school management system.

In the event of any damage or loss, the replacement costs are:

- Replacement screen - \$140 (first repair will be covered by the school)
- Replacement of device - \$400 decreasing by \$100 each year (if lost or damaged beyond repair)
- Replacement cable - \$8 available at the school

In order to start the process, please find attached the paperwork which needs to be completed and returned. iPads cannot be handed out until all forms are complete. The paperwork consists of:

- Student Resource Scheme – agreement to participate in the resource scheme.
- iPad Usage Agreement – this outlines how the iPad can be utilised.
- External Request for Equipment form – *this form will be provided once a device has been allocated and allows your child to bring the iPad home.*

The iPad, once connected to the school iPad management system, can be taken home and connected to your home wifi, keeping in mind that your home internet isn't filtered by the device.

REMINDER: *There will be an information session via zoom on Monday, 11 October from 6.00pm. The zoom link will be emailed to you on Monday morning.*

We are all looking forward to our children learning with the new devices.

Yours faithfully

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Principal

Mark Butler
IT Administrator

