



Year 4, 5 and 6 Students Digital Learning Device for 2015

This document is devoted to presenting information on our Digital Learning Device (DLD), which is marked for distribution to Year 4, 5 and 6 students in 2015.

The Digital Learning Program at St Joseph's Catholic Primary school recognises the benefits of 21st Century learning for all students, thus the College has chosen the iPad as our recommended DLD for Year 4, 5 and 6 students in 2015.



The iPad has been chosen for its compact design, ease of use to facilitate education, innovation, creativity and cost effectiveness. This will also complement the school's educational network and allow our students to connect with the global community, providing the best value for money for our parents.

The school understands that the provision and teaching of how to use the device is important. We also recognise the importance of helping the students to make the right decisions while communicating electronically. This will be supported by the Program of Digital Literacy and Responsible Use, which is running throughout the school.

Provided below, are some Frequently Asked Questions, which may assist in your understanding of the addition of iPads within our school Community.

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FAQ's

With the release of the iPad Mini, which model should I be choosing?

It will depend on matters such as availability and longevity of compatibility. **The school recommends that an iPad 32 GB or iPad Mini 32 GB is most suited for educational use.**

Are parents paying for the Digital Learning Device?

Yes. Parents are required to pay for the DLD. An AppleCare (Extended Warranty) Protection Plan is a matter of choice.

Will parents have to pay for the DLD if it is damaged, lost or stolen?

Yes. Parents will be required to pay if this occurs. We expect parents to ensure that they are adequately insured either by their home and contents or a separate insurance policy or have sufficient funds available to ensure the swift repair or replacement of the device.

Will parents be required to buy accessories?

Yes. The DLD must come with an appropriate charger, protective case and headsets. Any additional accessories are at the discretion of parents.

Will parents be required to pay for Apps (programs) from the Apple App Store?

Yes. Students will be required to purchase some apps from the Apple App Store. All devices are supplied by Apple with an Operating System (OS).

Is there an agreement I need to sign before my child can have access to their DLD?

Yes. As part of the program, parents and students will need to agree to the terms of acceptable use within the school. This will be in the form of a contract.

Will my child need an Apple ID?

Yes. All students, or their parents, will be required to create an Apple ID. If students have an existing ID, this may be used instead of creating another account.

Will my child need to have credit card details to register for an Apple ID account?

No. You can set up an Apple ID account without the need of a Credit Card.

Will my child be able to put their music on the DLD?

Yes. Students are able to place purchased music on their DLD, however, there must be enough working space for school related content. The school reminds students and parents that the music must be appropriate for school.

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Is my child allowed to install games?

Yes. The device can be personalised by students, however, there must be enough working space for school related content. The school reminds students and parents that the games must be of a suitable rating level for their age and are not to be played within the school.

Can the parents regulate what Apps are installed or deleted on the DLD?

Yes. Restrictions can be set on iPads by parents to regulate which apps are installed or deleted on the DLD, as well as access to the iTunes store. This can be explained in more detail later. It is recommended that iTunes passwords are kept secure by parents.

Can my child have their DLD taken from them?

Yes. The school reserves the right to remove the privileges extended to them at the discretion of the teacher. A DLD can be permanently removed and returned to the parent if student's break the Acceptable Use Policy and/or Code of Conduct.

Will my child's internet use be restricted at school?

Yes. The school has a Wi-Fi connection and profile that will filter student internet use.

Does the DLD need space for a 3G Micro sim?

No. The school has recommended a WiFi only model. WiFi will be available at the school and students will not be allowed to create their own "Personal Hotspots" with any other mobile device, while on the premises.

Do I need to buy a wireless internet connection for home?

This is a family decision.

What happens if the DLD just stops working?

If there are issues with the technical operation of the DLD, it can be taken to the IT Helpdesk at MCC for assessment or taken to the Apple store for assessment by the manufacturer. These procedures will be outlined at a later date.

Will the DLD add extra weight to my child's school bag?

A current iPad Air weighs 469 grams and the Mini 331 grams.

How does my child back up the information that is on their DLD?

The school encourages students to back up any data that they have stored on their DLD by syncing to an external drive, or using new technology such as iCloud, Dropbox etc to back up any data. This will be outlined when students start using their DLD's.

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Can you print from the DLD?

Yes. This is available over the school's network. Students can also print from home if their printer is one of the devices configured to support their DLD. For further information, please read <http://store.apple.com/us/browse/campaigns/airprint>

Will my child 'Jail Break' their DLD?

The school strictly enforces copyright regulations. Any students found 'Jail Breaking' their DLD will void the warranty and permanently lose their privilege of access to the DLD.

Who do we contact at the school if we are concerned about DLD usage?

If the concern is in relation to use within a course, the subject Teacher. Otherwise, the Principal, Mrs Joy Ketteringham or Assistant Principal, Rika Andres, should be the first point of contact.

Will the battery last all day at school?

The battery life is approximately 10 hours with the current iPad devices. Students will need to manage their battery life in much the same way as you do mobile phones. The school will not provide any charging facilities during the day.

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