



iLearn@HRSS

FAQs

If your question is not answered through our parent session, or FAQ page, please feel free to email or make an appointment to see either Fiona Graham fgrah3@eq.edu.au or Kelly Palmer kpalm23@eq.edu.au

Q: *Why are families asked to provide an iPad in 2021?*

A: We recognize the importance in developing key skills of 21st Century Learners, including creative and critical thinking, effective communication and collaboration and we believe that our iLearn@HRSS BYO iPad program will support the successful development of these skills. Developing Literacy and Numeracy skills remain our focus.

Q: *What type of iPad do I need to purchase?*

A: The latest iPad comes in 32GB or 128GB. The more GB, the more storage on the iPad. The iPad must be set up with a minimum of iOS 13 to access current platforms and programs that we intend to use.

Q: *What apps will I need to purchase?*

A: A list of educational apps will be provided at the end of Term 4. These must be purchased and installed by the commencement of the school year. Most of our apps are free, however, there will be a cost for some apps.

Q: *How often and in what way will the iPad be used?*

A: Teachers and students will be using the iPads throughout the day in a range of different learning situations. The time spent on iPads will vary throughout each day and will vary within subjects being taught.

Q: *What if my child does not bring an iPad?*

A: If they don't have their own iPad, students will be sharing the limited number of school devices in the classroom.

Q: *What about security and accidental damage?*

A: Devices will be the responsibility of the student. They will be educated about the care of their iPad. During school time, iPads will be kept in the classroom, which will be locked when not in use. We recommend that parents review their insurance policies to ensure that the iPad is covered outside the home and to provide a robust, protective cover for the device.

Q: *What support will you provide to families?*

A: In Term 1, 2021, we will hold an optional induction session. This will focus on such things as setting up your iPad, installing apps and internet safety. Students will have access to ongoing programs around care of their iPad and internet safety. Their skills in using the iPad and the apps will develop through using the device.

