

iPad Frequently Asked Questions

Why BYOD, why doesn't the school supply a device.

The school doesn't have the financial resources to supply every student with a device as well as maintain the network infrastructure, interactive whiteboards and peripherals.

Why did RDAS decide on iPad use only and not other (cheaper) tablet devices?

This is for a number of reasons:

- (a) Consistency in delivering a user experience
- (b) Ease of transferring assessment data and tasks from device to laptop (and home)
- (c) Easier for teachers to manage learning and teaching if all devices are the same
- (d) No guarantee that all apps will be available/work with devices other than Apple

Can my child use the existing school iPads?

Unfortunately the school's devices will be used to support other year levels and will not be able to be used solely by the year 3/4 classes. This follows the 7-12 cohort of the school where students will need to bring their own devices from 2016 as the school computer rooms will no longer be available.

Who purchases the Apps?

Apps will be purchased by parents at the beginning of each term. These are usually free or at minimal cost. The amount of Apps that would be required will be kept as low as possible each term.

Where will it be stored?

The school has purchased charging units to be located in each 3/4 classroom. These will be located in a lockable cupboard. Students will be able to store their device each day securely when not in use.

Does the school cover damage to the device?

No it does not cover damages to student owned devices. Parents / caregivers are encouraged to obtain insurance when purchasing, or check your existing insurance for cover.

What if I can't afford the whole amount of the iPad?

If financial issues are a concern you are encouraged to meet with a representative from the school to discuss options available to you.

Where can I buy the iPad?

The device can be purchased from any store that you like. The school has set up a purchasing portal with a company that you are able to use. The portal enables

users to choose different options such as models and cases as well as insurance cover for breakages. Payment options such as Flexi-Rent, Credit Card and interest free terms are also available. iPads purchased through the portal are sent directly to the school.

Is my child still going to use pen and paper?

Yes, the iPads will be used as a teaching tool the same as any other teaching resource. This means there will be appropriate time for using the device just as there are for developing writing skills. Staff at RDAS will be looking to use the iPads about 30% of the teaching time with 70% used for traditional teaching with pen/paper/hands-on materials.

Who manages the device?

This is something that can be negotiated on an individual basis with each user. Parents can manage the device, making sure that they install apps that meet the school's IT policy, or they can also discuss this with the school.

[For all other enquires regarding the Year 3/4 BYOD program please do not hesitate to contact the school and organise a time to meet with a member of the IT committee.](#)