Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)  
BYOD – Middle School

**Who can bring their own iPad to school?**  
Initially the Year 6 and 7 students will have permission to bring their own device to school. This may be extended to younger year levels in the future.

**Do I need to have a new iPad?**  
No, you are not required to purchase a new iPad, if your family already has an iPad and it is ok for that iPad to be used primarily for educational use and it meets the minimum requirements, then yes you can use it.

**What if my child forgets to bring their iPad or doesn’t have their own?**  
The school understands the varying circumstances of families at our school. Participation in this program is voluntary and St Joseph’s will continue to make available a range of iPads and MacBook computers.

**Do I need to have an Apple ID?**  
Currently Apple does not allow children under the age of 13 to register for an Apple ID. It is recommended that a ‘family ID’ is created which allows for parental controls. See the link for more information [http://www.apple.com/au/support/appleid/](http://www.apple.com/au/support/appleid/)

Family Sharing allows up to 5 family Apple ID accounts to be linked to a Parent ID account. By linking the accounts, all purchases of music, shows and Apps is done through the one payment type, notifying the parent of any purchase requests. Under this type of Apple ID, parents are able to establish an Apple ID for children under 13, as long as they are linked to the Family Apple ID account.

Family members are then able to ‘share’ all purchases and downloads with the other family members. It does not automatically download the new content; each user is able to choose what to download/install.

Using an Apple iTunes Gift Card is advisable as it avoids the use of a credit card.

**Where will the iPads be stored during the day?**  
The iPads will remain the responsibility of the student throughout the day. The teacher will direct the students during lesson time about the use of the iPad. During times when the iPad is not used or the students are not in their classrooms, the iPads will be securely stored inside a locked classroom.

**Will the iPads be able to be charged during the day at school?**  
No, it is the responsibility of the student to make sure that the iPad is charged when coming to school each day. This is in response to Work Health and Safety regulations.
Do I need to buy a case/cover for the iPad?
It is highly recommended to have the iPad suitably protected from scratches, dents and screen damage. There are a number of retailers who sell competitively priced protection products for iPads.

Do I need to have WiFi at home?
The iPad is designed to have maximum potential when connected to the Internet. The use of the Internet at home is not a requirement for students to participate in the BYOD program at St Joseph’s School. It would be helpful for students to have some form of access to the Internet via a wired or wireless connection.

What about Microsoft Office, can the students still use this on their iPads?
Newly purchased Apple iPads come with a number of free Apps, including Pages (word processing), Numbers (spreadsheets) and Keynote (presentations). However, through a licencing agreement between Catholic Education South Australia and Microsoft, each student enrolled in a Catholic School in South Australia has the licensing right to download 5 free copies of the Microsoft Office Suite software called Office365.
This can be downloaded to the student’s iPad for use at school and home. Please see Office 365 document.

Does this mean that students will not be using pen and paper?
No, the use of IT and in particular the iPad is a tool to support the teaching and learning that the students are engaging with each day. Teachers are trained in the appropriate use of IT in the classroom. Like any tool, there is a place and a time for them to be used. The iPad is a learning tool and as such will be used at the professional discretion of the teacher.

What if it is a shared iPad and already has Games/Apps on the device that is for personal use?
We understand that many families share devices. While it is preferred that the iPad brought to school is solely for educational purposes, we understand that it is not always possible. If the teacher and/or school leadership determine that inappropriate Apps/Music or Games are being accessed while at school, which includes before and after school (OSHC, waiting for classrooms to be open or waiting for pickup), the parents will be contacted to have it removed. Students will be monitored by teachers regarding appropriate use, any serious breaches of the ICT Framework for Personal Learning and Acceptable Use policy and the Middle School ICT Consent Form will result in termination of accessing the BYOD program at St Joseph’s School Payneham for an agreed upon length of time.

Can’t the school block the students from playing games on the iPad?
Yes and no. While the school’s Internet Service Filter, CeFilter, restricts access to Internet based gaming sites, the use of Apps is not able to be restricted through the filtering service. This is where student personal responsibility, parent support and teacher supervision and monitoring play a role. As a Primary school, monitoring the use of the iPads is made easier as the students have a classroom teacher, spending the majority of learning time with that teacher and movement around the school for subjects is limited. We are committed to utilising this tool to maximise learning for each student. Through a detailed User Policy and Guidelines, everyone is aware of the expectations surrounding the appropriate use of the device.
**What about Social Media sites – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for example?**
Access to these sites through the Internet is restricted through the schools Internet Filter Service CeFilter. It is important to understand that these restrictions are only in place whilst the device is connected to the Internet through the St Joseph’s School Network. Once the device is connected through a private WiFi network (home for example) access to these sites is dependent on the Parental Controls established by each owner.

**Won’t the students just be listening to music or playing games all day?**
As stated in the ICT Framework for Personal Learning and Acceptable Use policy and the Middle School ICT Consent Form, the use of the iPad is for educational purposes only and as such students accessing games, videos or music that is not directed by the teacher will be subject to consequences outlined in the above documents.

**How do I back up my iPad?**
It is encouraged that each iPad is backed up on a regular basis to ensure that the most current operating system is installed and that the information stored on the device is backed up. Following the instructions at the link below will help guide you through the process of backing up your iPad.

**What Apps do I need on my iPad?**
The following apps are required to be on all iPads to ensure teachers are able to engage students in a variety of learning opportunities.

- O365 Apps – Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote
- iMovie
- Garageband
- Explain Everything
- iBooks Author
- Teachers will direct students throughout the year if Apps are required to be purchased

It is important that each student has a $10 Apple iTunes Gift Card that will be used only to purchase educational apps throughout the year as directed by the class teacher.