**Benefits for students**

- Ipads and Laptop computers are essential for the modern day learner. They empower students to push the boundaries of their knowledge and learning.
- They provide students with a personalised learning experience with a greater range of resources that allow students to continue their own learning anywhere.
- Students work more effectively, and are more engaged.
- Work has shown to be of higher quality and quantity as they become more familiar and skilled with programs, and show greater pride and ownership of it.
- Students can create digital portfolios
- Collaboration will increase as students can use these devices as research tools during projects and group work, particularly at home.
- Students have all digital work with them at all times, and therefore have constant, immediate access to materials.

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**BYOD Program**

"In today’s interconnected and technology-driven world, a learning environment can be virtual, online, remote—in other words, it doesn’t have to be a place at all. Such an environment fosters learning tailored to the needs and wants of the individual. This sort of learning occurs anytime and anywhere, when and where the learner desires.”

- 21st Century Learning Environments
The Digital Age

St. Joseph’s School believes our children are being educated for the digital age that is constantly changing. We seek to provide a learning environment that is engaging and challenging, building the capacity for students to connect, collaborate and be critical thinkers who can contribute as responsible citizens in a digital world.

We aim to provide a technology rich learning environment in which technologies are used in a variety of ways and spaces, just as they view them authentically in their everyday environments.

To help achieve this aim, St. Joseph’s School has established a BYOD Program that will begin in Year 4 and progress to Year 7.

Students

Students will be introduced to the devices, given instruction on how to care for the device and how to ensure that they remain in good working order.

Students will also be guided through setting up their personal storage, being guided through good use of the services provided by the school, including guidelines and policies surrounding its use.

Teachers

The teachers at St Joseph’s have been involved in numerous Professional Development sessions around the use of ICTs and will continue to do so as this is an ever-changing environment.

Therefore, they have the confidence to integrate ipads into the classroom curriculum, allowing students to engage in a variety of tasks using their ipads and computers through the year.