



Bring Your Own Device Program for Year 3 Students in 2023

Dear Parents/Caregivers

This year, the Year 3-5 students will participate in the third year of the Bring Your Own Device program. This program has proved to be successful and has provided for a number of options and formats to better cater for the diversity of student needs. In particular, the iPad caters for:

- The technology-rich demands of learning
- Full integration with the 21st Century Learning environment
- Different student learning styles and preferences
- Different student technical needs, depending on student subject choices and interests

In 2020 all students in Years 3-6 will be asked to participate in the BYOD program. The BYOD program is designed to allow students to choose and bring to the learning environment their iPad. The iPad will connect seamlessly via the school wireless network.

What is a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program? Students provide their own iPad for use at school (see minimum specification on the website). The school will provide access to the Internet, printing and cloud services for these devices and allow students to use the iPad in class to support teaching and learning. One of the rationales for the BYOD scheme is that students will be comfortable using a device that they "own" and manage themselves. They should be familiar with how it works and the software installed on the device.

How do I become part of the BYOD program?

- Read the BYOD information booklet (available on school website).
- Purchase an iPad that meets the minimum specifications - see minimum specification on the website
- Complete and return the BYOD Student Agreement
- Participate in a Parent Meeting scheduled in Term 1

Why only iPads?

Many of our school community ask this very question. If the school is allowing the students to bring their own devices, why can't they bring anything they already have? This is a very legitimate question and there are many reasons, and some have already been mentioned. Here are a few more reasons for the decision:

- Staff only have to learn one operating system
- All students will have the same applications that work in the same way
- Easily connected to the schools network and existing infrastructure
- Staff professional development can be more tailored to the utilisation and functionality of one device
- Staff can share ideas and resources with confidence that they can do it without additional IT support
- Less technical support required when working with one operating system and software suite
- One of, if not the best, tablet device for education
- Tablet devices are the best for primary students
- Our school has years of technical and educational experience and expertise with iPads

The Department of Education and Training (DET) conducted an iPad trial in 2010-11 across government schools. This provided additional evidence to support the reason St Joseph's will be using iPads to enhance student learning. The research and findings can be found online at:

<http://www.ipadsforeducation.vic.edu.au/pubs/ipads-for-learning/ipads-for-learning>

Please visit the school's website at www.stjopayn.catholic.edu.au for more information. If you have questions or feedback about the program, you can contact me at ingrid@stjopayn.catholic.edu.au

Regards
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Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) - Agreement

Please read and if you agree print, sign and return to school

1. The term "device" in these procedures refers to any iPad (excluding mobile phone) with the capability to connect to the school's Wi-Fi network.
2. Students may bring their iPad to school and may access the school's Wi-Fi network. However, mobile phones/smartphones will not be accepted as they offer limited educational benefit and do not necessarily have Internet filtering. The device must also meet the minimum specifications outlined in the 'Device Specifications Checklist'.
3. Devices are to be left in the classrooms during lunch and recess breaks.
4. Devices must be enrolled in Casper Suite before they are used at school.
5. Use of devices at school is governed by school-developed guidelines, processes and procedures.
6. The school will provide Internet access through its wireless networks at no cost to students.
7. Students are responsible for the care and maintenance of their devices including data protection and battery charging. No charging at school is permitted.
8. St Joseph's School will not accept any liability for the theft, damage or loss of any student's device.
9. Students and their parents/caregivers must complete a signed BYOD Agreement prior to connecting to the school's Wi-Fi network.
10. Where the school has reasonable grounds to suspect that a device contains data, which breaches the BYOD Agreement, they may confiscate the device for the purpose of confirming the existence of the material. Depending on the nature of the material involved, further action may be taken. School disciplinary action may also be appropriate.
11. You agree that staff responsible for the ICT within St Joseph's School will have the ability to (and may at any time) monitor the use of the students Network/Internet use, iPad and the Cloud Storage Service (One Drive), including accessing and monitoring any data that they have sent or stored using the Network, iPad or Cloud Services, to ensure that they are using the services and devices appropriately.
12. Use of iPads in lessons is determined by the classroom teacher. Students are required to follow all teacher instructions re the use of iPads.
13. The student must bring the iPad to school every day.
14. In many instances, social networking sites can be a distraction and potentially unsafe. Students must not have these app on their school devices and all notifications need to be turned off.

Please indicate if you intending on participating in the BYOD Initiative in 2023: YES / NO

Parent name & signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student name & signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Class: _____