

2018 BYOD 1:1 iPad Program



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Dear Parents,

Over the past two years we have been researching current ICT informed practice in education, that has resulted in an increase in access to mobile devices across our school. Continued discussions have taken place and consultation was undertaken with neighbouring Catholic Primary schools, as well as the wider Catholic Education Western Australian (CEWA) network. As a result, in 2018, St Luke's will be introducing a **1:1 BYOD iPad program in Year 4**. The aim of this program is to move towards more individualised and self-initiated learning, increased independence in students and extend learning beyond the classroom.

Our investigations have highlighted many advantages of using the iPad to enhance learning across the curriculum. The iPad is light, highly portable and its flexibility allows easy integration of higher order and creative thinking skills, as well as providing opportunities for word processing, collaboration, presentations and sharing learning.

We have visited and worked with both local Catholic, and other CEWA schools to find the most suitable approach for our school community and the iPad device was determined as the preferred technology. The 1:1 initiative is common practice in many surrounding schools with fantastic learning opportunities for the children involved:

Whitfords Catholic – 1:1 iPads (3/4/5/6)	St Thomas' Claremont – 1:1 BYOD iPad (3/4/5/6)
Liwara Catholic – 1:1 BYOD (5/6)	St Vincent's Parmelia – 1:1 BYOD iPad (4/5/6)
Francis Jordan – 1:1 Laptops (4/5)	St Benedicts Applecross– 1:1 BYOD iPad (4/5/6)
Padbury – 1:1 Device (4/5/6)	Our Lady of Good Counsel – 1:1 iPad Pro (4/5/6)
Infant Jesus Morley – 1:1 BYOD iPad (3/4/5/6)	Brighton Catholic – 1:1 iPad (4/5/6)

In preparation for the student iPad program in 2018, a meeting for the current Year 3 (2017) parents whose children will be in Year 4 in 2018 will be held in the school library on: **Tuesday 29th August at 5:30pm.**

To assist in preparing for this information session, a Parent Handbook has been attached which addresses the details of the program as well as some common **Frequently Asked Questions** about the device. There will be a short 15min presentation on how the device may be used in class as a teaching and learning tool and then some time to address questions that have been submitted prior to the night.

For students to engage fully in the 1:1 classroom in 2018, the following iPad is recommended:

- **iPad Air (or later) - 32GB / iPad Mini (iOS 10.2) (please refer to Parent Handbook for details).**

The information session will be an opportunity to discuss St Luke's direction moving forward and clarify any details from the parent handbook that may not have been addressed. Please use the following link to submit any questions that you may have prior to the night so we can ensure they are addressed during the session.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=ly-FxTM2KU-zhIHau-Ne1OfJ8A1cYVOqhPSzNN9eUBUMFBORkFFREJVofJMMTVZVjRGWkRMM0hJWS4u>

We are excited about the possibilities ahead and look forward to journeying with your children in 2018.

Kind regards

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