



# Dear Year 9 Parents

This upcoming Thursday, the 23rd February, will be our Parent Information Night.



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The following is a compilation of Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Trial iPad Program that the College has decided to introduce to our Year 9 students.

A portion of this will be devoted to presenting information on our upcoming Trial iPad Program, which is marked for the beginning of Term 2.

The Trial iPad Program, which will begin at John XXIII College recognizes the benefits of 21st Century learning for all students, thus the College has chosen the iPad for it's compact design and ease of use, to facilitate education, innovation and creativity. This will hopefully allow our students to connect more easily with the global community.

The College understands that the provision and teaching of how to use the device is important, we also recognise the importance of helping the students to make the right decisions while communicating electronically. This will be supported by a Digital Citizenship Pastoral Care Program.

While an introduction to this program will be provided at the Information night, I have provided a Frequently Asked Questions sheet, which may assist in your understanding of the program.

Yours Sincerely,

Miss Louise Scharf,

Digital Learning Coordinator

## 1. With the upcoming release of the iPad 3, which model will the College be choosing?

This decision has yet to be finalised as investigations into this option are still underway. It will depend on matters such as availability and integration with our current wireless network.

## 2. Are parents paying for the iPad device?

No. Parents are not required to pay for the iPad device for the trial.

## 3. Will parents have to pay for the device if it is damaged, lost or stolen?

Yes. Parents will be required to pay the excess of **\$200.00** on the device. The school is covering the payment of the annual cost of insurance.

## 4. Will parents be required to buy accessories?

No. The device will come with a case and all standard cables. The purchase of any additional accessories are at the discretion of parents.

## 5. Will parents be required to pay for apps from the Apple app store?

No. During the initial part of the trial students will not be required to purchase any apps from the app store. The College will provide \$40 worth of iTunes vouchers to purchase specific apps, and teachers may recommend free apps for students to use.

## 6. Is there an agreement I need to sign before my son/daughter can have access to the iPad device?



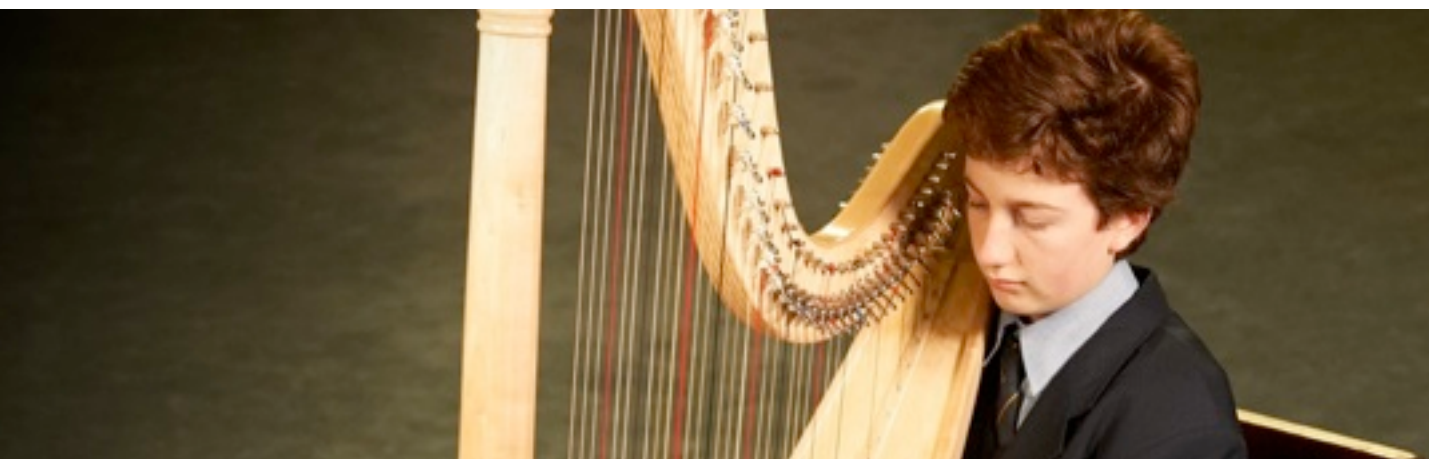
Yes. As part of the program parents will need to agree to the terms of the Insurance requirements before an iPad will be issued.

## 7. Will my child need to have my credit card details to register for an Apple ID account?

No. You can set up an Apple ID account without the need of a Credit Card.

## 8. Will students be able to put their music on the devices?

Yes. Students are able to place their purchased music on the device allocated to them, however, there must be enough space on the device for school related content. The College will also remind students that the music must be appropriate for school. iTunes vouchers to purchase specific apps, and teachers may recommend free apps for students to use.



## 9. Are students allowed to install games?

Yes. The device can be personalised by students, however, there must be enough space on the device for school related content. The College will also remind students that the games must be a suitable rating level for their age.

## 10. Can the parents regulate what apps are installed or deleted on the device?

Yes. Restrictions can be set by parents to regulate which apps are installed or deleted on the device, as well as access

to the iTunes store. This will be explained to parents.

## 11. Is my son/daughter going to be disadvantaged if I don't want them to have an iPad device?

No. Content created by the teacher will be accessible to students with or without an iPad, it is simply a tool to assist in learning.

## 12. Will I be able to keep the device at the end of the year?

No. Under the terms of the funding from NSSCF the College is required to retain the device for a total of four years.

### **13. Can my son / daughter have their allocated iPad taken from them?**

Yes. The College reserves the right to remove the privilege extended to them at the discretion of the teacher. An iPad can be permanently removed if they continually break the Acceptable User Policy and/or Code of Conduct.



### **14. Will my son/daughter's Internet use be monitored at school?**

Yes. The College has developed a special Wi-Fi connection for this program that will filter and monitor Student Internet use.

### **15. Does the device have space for a 3G Micro sim?**

No. The College has chosen a WiFi only model. WiFi will be available at school, and students will not be allowed to create their own "Personal Hotspots" with any other mobile device, while on the premises.

### **16. Do I need to buy a wireless Internet connection for home?**

This is a family decision. A reminder that a USB dongle Internet connection cannot be used with an iPad.

### **17. What happens if the iPad just stops working?**

If there are any issues with the technical operation of the iPad, it must be brought to IT or Library Helpdesk **immediately**. These procedures will be outlined clearly at a later date.



## 18. Will my son/daughter still need their books?

Yes. At this stage the College believes that there is no suitable substitute for the current textbooks that are in use. This is under review by the College as it continues its investigation and evaluation of new digital textbooks.

## 19. Will my son/daughter stop handwriting?

No. The iPad will act as a tool for consuming information from the Internet, apps or from the College systems. Students will still need writing tools as assessment tasks will continue to reflect the WACE Exam requirements.

## 20. Have teachers' skills been updated to provide content to this new device?

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College staff have been engaged in professional development program about the use of ICT in the classroom. Staff are committed to facilitating this contemporary style of learning.

## 21. Will the device add extra weight to their bags?

The current iPad 2 device weighs 601 grams.

## 22. Will my son / daughter still need a computer?

Yes. The iPad does not replace a computer; it simply allows students to access information anywhere. Creation of documents, etc. will still occur on a computer.

## 23. How does my son / daughter back up the information that is on their iPad?

The College encourages students to back up any data that they have stored on their device. They can do this



through syncing their iPad to a computer, or using new technology such as iCloud, Dropbox, etc, to back up any data. This will be outlined when students receive their iPads.

## 24. Can you print from the iPad?

The College currently is investigating, through our partners, the ability for students to print from their devices. At the time of implementation this will not be available. Students could print from home if their printer was one of the devices configured to support the iPad. For further information, please read

<http://store.apple.com/us/browse/campaigns/airprint>

## 25. Can student's 'jail break' their iPad?

The College strictly enforces copyright regulations. Any student found 'Jail Breaking' their iPad, will void the warranty and permanently lose their privilege of access to the device.

## 26. Will my son/daughter be able use their iPad during breaks at school?

Yes. During breaks, we ask students to only use their iPad in the Library.

## 27. What happens if my son/daughter has an iPad already?

The College will provide each student access to an iPad device during the trial. The College currently does not encourage students to bring personal devices to school, though acknowledges that there are some special circumstances. For further information, please contact Mr John Joosten, ICT Director.

## 28. Will students need an Apple ID?

Yes. All students will be required to create an Apple ID. If students have an existing ID this may be used instead of creating another account.



## 29. Will students be able to Facebook from the iPad at school?

No. The College blocks Facebook while students are on our network. However, we do discuss the use of Facebook with students through our Digital Citizenship Program.

### 30. Who do we contact at the College if we are concerned about iPad usage?

If the concern is in relation to use within a course, the *Subject Teacher* or *Head of Learning Area* should be the first point of contact.

If you would like to talk about the device and its use within the College, please contact either:

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### 31. What free apps will students need?

All free apps that are required will be placed on a webpage that students will be directed to as needed.

### 32. Will the battery last all day at school?

The battery life is approximately 10 hours with the iPad 2 devices. Students will need to manage their battery life in much the same way as they do their mobile phones. The College will not provide any charging facilities during the day.

### 33. What about my children who are in other year groups?

This program is at a trial phase. When the College has data to assess the trial's strengths and weaknesses, a decision will be made on what will happen with other year groups. This decision will also be dependant on the review of government funding which will occur in the near future.

*More information will be available during the Parent Information Night*