**Preparing for BYOD Day 1**

**Years 1- 6 2021**

Dear Parents and Guardians

iPads have been used at Churchlands Primary school as a learning tool since 2017 in years 1 to 6. While we value the tool to deliver deep and engaging 21st century learning, we continually monitor and refine how these tools are used to maintain best teaching practices in our classrooms. For this reason, please make sure you re-familiarise yourself and your family with our iPad protocols and procedures before the start of term 1.

Each year there are changes to iPad ‘app’ requirements. Please consult the applicable **‘app’ lists** for your children. To support and develop good digital organisation skills, and positive classroom management, please assist your child to arrange apps which are NOT on the school list (but are on your student’s iPad) to be stored in a folder labelled ‘Home’.

The development of positive **Digital Citizenship** skills is included in the WA Curriculum and also a high priority for Churchlands Primary School learners. Before signing and returning to the classroom teacher, please read and discuss the relevant **Family Media Agreements** as they will assist your family to establish firm boundaries around the safe use of technology in your home, and support the important Digital Citizenship learning and messages we instil at school. With many digital services cloud-based currently, please also ensure to fully understand and sign relevant **parental permission** forms.

Historically the school has had very little damage to iPads that have had **a robust cover**, for this reason we recommend having a sturdy case that has your child’s name clearly marked on it. Working headphones are another required accessory to assist in appropriate learning delivery in our busy classrooms. Please make sure your **headphones** work effectively with your purchased iPad and case as unfortunately some headphones are incompatible with some cases.

For more detailed information on the rationale of the program, how and where to purchase both iPads and accessories, and some tips and advice for improving technology safety for you children and family, please read through the 2021 CPS BYOD Program handbook. This document, as well as all mentioned lists and forms are available for download on the school’s website ( <http://www.churchlandsps.wa.edu.au/parent-information/byod-ipad-program/>).

Please note that this program will continue to be reviewed, and if you have any questions, please email Luke.Johnson@education.wa.edu.au.

Yours sincerely

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