

Preparing for BYOD Day 1

Years 1- 6 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians

iPads have been used at Churchlands Primary school as a learning tool since 2017. 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 the 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'. Up-to-date App lists can be found on the school's website: <http://www.churchlandsp.s.wa.edu.au/parent-information/byod-ipad-program/>

The development of positive Digital Citizenship skills are included in the WA Curriculum, and are also a high priority for Churchlands Primary School learners. Please read and discuss the relevant Family Media Agreements provided as they will assist your family to establish firm boundaries around the safe use of technology in your home. We have also included some great tips for safer and healthier technology use at home.

Historically the school has had very little damage to iPads that have had a robust cover. For this reason, we insist on 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. iPad keyboards are not essential, however, if you are in a position to purchase one, some students often find them useful as they assist in preparation for using a traditional keyboard when they are in upper primary and high school.

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 2024 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.churchlandsp.s.wa.edu.au/parent-information/byod-ipad-program/>).

Third Party Services Permission

In 2021, the WA Education Department put in place new policy designed to protect the privacy of all students when using third party online services. The department has embarked on a thorough process of auditing over 1400 third party services then relaying various privacy risks each service presents. Using a 'traffic light' system, services are rated in relation to how much risk they present for students in regards to having their personal information shared or misused. The outcome of this process has identified many services in which educators cannot use, as well as provide more detailed information on each service, and finally establish a permission process that caters for the different levels of risk. Fortunately, at Churchlands Primary School we do not use any services that have been blocked by the department, however we do require to present a list of all services that we use throughout the school year which require permission. There are also many services that we do use that have been judged to pose no privacy risk, and

therefore have not been included in our list of services. To ensure we follow the new guidelines and policy, and provide more information on the process, please consult the Third Party Services list available on the schools website.

Finally, for you and your child to benefit from the many services listed, which include core learning platforms, assessment tools and community communications (eg. SeeSaw), you will need to provide permission through the eForm distributed through Audiri at the beginning of the year.

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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