

WODONGA MIDDLE YEARS COLLEGE

Wodonga Middle Years College is committed to providing learning environments that will engage students and give them independence and flexibility in their learning.



We believe that students should be able to learn in teams, as a class, a whole community or alone. Students should be able to share learning experiences with their classmates and the wider community.

One-to-one learning allows every student access to their own device in a wireless environment, allowing them to learn at their own pace and ability levels. One-to-one initiatives have gained momentum worldwide, and are increasingly seen as a key to transforming education and better preparing students to succeed in the new digital economy.

In the one-to-one iPad program, students' access to an iPad and the Internet enables them to be selfdirected and receive highly personalised instruction. Students use their personal devices to do research homework, problemsolve, team projects, email and academic coursework. At the same time, they gain valuable 21st century skills that will be beneficial throughout their lives and careers. Students in one-to-one programs use devices more often and for a wider array of purposes than students with less access to computers. They possess greater levels of technology literacy and most often use productivity and design tools in ways that are integrated into other classroom activities and assignments. This style of anywhere, anytime

learning reflects real life situations found in today's workforce.

For 2014 the recommended learning device for our Year 7 students will be the iPad. **iPad 2, 16 GB with WiFi capability** (minimum specifications) **\$70 iTunes card** to purchase educational apps. **Protective Case** – It is strongly encouraged that you purchase a case that protects the screen as well as the body of the iPad (eg. Otterbox Defender or Griffin Survivor).

Apps:

As indicated we have developed a recommended suite of Apps which we expect Year 7 students to utilise on their iPad throughout 2014. With over 300,000 Apps available we are certain that there are others which your child may enjoy using but here are some we have used successfully in class.

These include Apps which have a cost associated but will be applied across a range of subjects and learning tasks.

Year 7 Learning Device Program, 2014

There are other Apps without purchase expenses but which often bear advertising to offset the cost.

Additional information:

iTunes Accounts:

- Should be established and managed by the family from the home with a parent-controlled password. It is a 13+ agerestricted account.
- We expect that families will use pre-paid iTunes cards to load the Apps, rather than linking their child's account to a credit card.

Loading Apps:

The Year 7 staff will be prepared to assist students in loading the Apps which will loaded in the first week of Term 1, if not completed prior at home. This service will only be available upon the request from the family.

Back-up and Storage: Students will have their devices linked to the iCloud back up service which will allow the restoring of content in the event of an incident with the iPad.



