

2018 Learning Device Recommendations

1 - Select from:

2 - Add a tough case:

3 - Load your Apps:





Recommendations include:





D2L Binder

Excel



PowerPoint



D2L ePortfolio



Word



Brightspace Pulse



Curator



Pic Collage



ComicBook



Book Creator-Free



Microsoft Outlook



Teenage Survival Guide



iMovie



The Calculator -Free



MyScript Calculator



English-Indonesian Dictionary



Language Perfect



Hiragana Bubbles



Telligami



GarageBand



Green Screen



Find iPhone



Google Earth



QR Reader



Field Guide to Victorian Fauna



OR

iPad Pro



Please note:

While we recommend the devices listed above, older iPads will operate successfully on our system. These older devices may incur additional costs when purchasing Apps which are provided free of charge on newer models.



Defender

Survivor



Airbender Pro



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



The iPad program allows students to use their personal devices to undertake research, solve problems, complete projects, email and access the College's learning management system, Desire to Learn: D2L. Students gain valuable 21st century skills.

Our students can learn anywhere, anytime. These are important skills to prepare our students for a evolving world.

Apps:

We have developed a recommended list of Apps for students. These have been selected to enhance your child's learning at school and home. With over 500,000 Apps available we are certain that there are others which your child may add to their iPads to improve engagement and learning.

Some Apps have an associated cost. We have been selective in an attempt to keep the costs minimal.

Advertising and Agreements:

Many of the free Apps often bear advertising to offset the cost. Many free Apps have an option to remove the advertising for a fee.

We encourage parents to be actively involved in the loading and management of your child's iPad and in the establishment of any agreements.

iTunes Accounts:

We also encourage parents to manage an iTunes account. We suggest you create a parent controlled password with a 13+ age-restriction. This will enable you to manage App downloads, updates and re-installation of Apps that you have removed.

Pre-paid iTunes cards are the ideal way to load Apps.

Loading apps:

We hope to see all of the initial recommendations for Apps loaded prior to the first day of school. As the year progresses staff may request additional Apps. A Team and classroom teachers can assist with the loading of Apps.

Back-up and Storage:

Backing up of the iPad to prevent loss of work is highly recommended on a regular basis. Backing up to the iCloud, laptop or computer is recommended.

Support:

Students and parents can contact their A Team or classroom teacher whenever they need help with their iPad.



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WMYC iPad and e-learning Frequently asked Questions

How can parents or students get support with the iPad?

Students have the support of their individual ATeam teacher; they are the one-stop point of contact for students and parents. The ATeam teacher makes the required connections with ICT support. Parents and guardians can make contact with the ATeam teacher or house leader to access support from the school. Students learn quickly, experiment easily and teach all the adults in the long run.

Does this now mean WMYC students are no longer using pen and paper?

Students will continue to use pens and paper with the support of their iPad to learn. Students will use ICT and writing to learn in all domains. Written forms of communication are important components of lifelong skills for WMYC students. The school has a strong focus on AVID and the fundamentals of WICOR (writing to learn, inquiry, collaboration and reading to learn).

Can parents access online learning material?

Yes and we encourage parents to support their children with their learning by being familiar with curriculum, technology and homework. To access the online learning portal please use the <u>student log in</u> provided below.

https://inspire.wmyc.vic.edu.au

USERNAME: student cases code PASSWORD: set by the student

How will learning be assessed on the iPad?

The iPad works as a window to the world and provides many opportunities for students to access information to complement their learning. Examples include: a research tool, lesson information, organisation of knowledge, presentation of information and assessments. In particular, assessments reflect the content being taught. The iPad and Desire 2 Learn will allow students to submit their work online and gain feedback from their teachers. Students will be able to submit documents, written work, photos and presentations.

Can students bring a different device to the iPad?

No, we are an iPad school. We have invested heavily in iPads and feel that it is the best way for students to learn using an adaptable, light-weight, portable device.

Apart from the cost of the iPad are there any further costs to the learning device?

There are minimal additional costs. Some apps will be recommended for purchase in the initial setup of the iPad and then at the start of subsequent years. Depending on elective subjects chosen by your child in Year 8 and 9, other charges may apply.



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Does/should my child be using the iPad at home?

The iPad is a learning tool for your child to use at home and school: for work and pleasure. We strongly recommend that parents monitor the use of the iPad and any form of technology in the home.

Who is responsible for breakages and damage to the iPad?

Students are responsible for their iPad, including appropriate use. The College will not be held responsible for any loss or damage of iPads, phones, camera or other devices. Students must learn to be responsible for their learning tools. We suggest parent/guardians look at their home insurance policy to make sure these devices are covered whilst outside the home.

What can I do if I am unable to obtain an iPad for the start of the year?

WMYC has a limited number of iPads available for students to borrow. An agreement must be signed and a bond paid. The student then borrows the iPad from the library each morning and returns it each afternoon. It cannot be taken home.