



Kingswood Primary School 1:1 iPad Program Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Students 2016



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Parents,

We are excited to be able to offer you an invitation to join the 1:1 iPad program at Kingswood PS. Following the very successful introduction of the program to Years 5 & 6 in 2014 and Years 3 & 4 in 2015, we would like to welcome all students in Years 3-6 who are currently not in the program to join in 2016.

Please consider the information provided, along with the necessary requirements involved, to make an informed choice regarding joining this exciting and successful program.



THIS IS AN INVITATION TO JOIN OUR NON-COMPULSORY PROGRAM.

It's about teaching and learning

An 'iPad program' is about creating a 3rd millennium learning environment that engages students. Students learn better when they are engaged, and research on what engages today's students points to technology. 1 to 1 learning programs match how today's students interact and learn.

An iPad learning program is defined as an environment where students and teachers have 24-hour-a-day, 7-day-a-week access to an iPad, as well as digital content, educational software and digital authoring tools.

Why Kingswood Primary has an iPad Program

The use of technology on a daily basis will provide an opportunity to:

- Improve student academic achievement through the use of technology
- Promote economic development by preparing students for tomorrow's workplace
- Enhance teaching to transform the quality of instruction

Teacher Planning:

Please be advised that Years 5 and 6 teachers plan with the specific intent that that every child has an iPad in their hand.

Years 3 and 4 the device will be used as a personal tool but the teachers will not be planning using the assumption that everyone has an iPad device.

Inappropriate Use of the Device:

In the event of there being inappropriate use, the owner will have their school based ICT privileges suspended for an appropriate length of time to be determined by the school.

ICT LEVY FOR 2016:

Technology moves at a rapid pace and the school invests a large sum of money every year to provide the access. **The levy for 2016 will be \$25.** This levy covers licensing fees and a one time set up fee.

SPECIFIC DETAILS ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

The program will be a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Program.

Families assume all risk and waive any liability against the school for lost or damage of goods. The following conditions must be met in full before access to the network will be granted. The school will do all it can to provide good security at school.

It is the parents' responsibility to provide the same at home.

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:

- **Must be either a Mini iPad or an iPad**
- **We highly recommend Gen 4 devices or newer (no Gen 3's preferred)**
- **Device must be running the latest iOS.**
- **ALL devices must be WiFi ONLY. Strictly no 3G capable device will be permitted at school.**

MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS: use this as a checklist

	COMPLETED
ONE parent MUST attend the ThinkUKnow Parent session about online safety at school and at home on October 21 at 6.30pm . This is strictly ADULTS ONLY. <u><i>If you have previously attended you do not need to attend again.</i></u>	
All students will need an iTunes account connected to the device	
Evidence of a \$40 iTunes balance, minus purchased school apps will be required	
The iPad levy for 2016 (\$25) must be paid on-line or to the school office on Wednesday, January 27 2016 9.00am-12.00pm. New devices will be connected by staff, upon proof of payment, on Friday 29 January 2016 .	
Must be prepared to adhere to naming conventions and provide WiFi MAC address and serial number of the device for school inventory purposes	
iPad to be enclosed in a protective cover – recommend Otterbox or Survivor covers	
All iPads will need to have 'Find My Ipad' activated	
Please visit the following website to complete your acceptance of the invitation to join the iPad program and the required information. ALL 2016 families in 3&4 and 5&6 MUST register online . Go to the school website to register through the iPad Program 2016 page under Programs and Facilities page. REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016 BYOD IPAD PROGRAM	

If any of the above conditions are not met the device *will not under any circumstances* be provided access to our network

Thank you for your support of our innovative programs, as we strive to make a positive difference to the life of each student and build the foundations for success.

Kind regards,

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PRINCIPAL

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ACTING ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

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ICT CO-ORDINATOR

FAQ's

What happens if I choose not to participate in the program?

Your child will have access to the shared iPads in the Years 3,4,5 and 6 learning areas. In all cases, the school iPads will need to be shared amongst multiple users.

What happens if I miss one of the pre-requisites?

You will need to provide evidence that **all** prerequisites have been met **before** acceptance into the program. If you miss the ThinkUKnow session you will have to show evidence of attending another session somewhere in Melbourne. By far the most convenient course is to attend the Kingswood Primary School session, as ThinkUKnow sessions are run infrequently across the city. Until this evidence is produced your child **will not** be able to join the program.

How often will the device be used in 2016?

The iPads will be expected to be used daily. The Year 5 and 6 Team are planning work based on the assumption that **every student** will have either an iPad, mini iPad or school mac computer in hand.

Years 3 and 4's are planning to include these devices into every opportunity for those who choose to participate in the program.

How long will the battery life last?

The battery life of the iPad or iPad mini will last for at least one full day use at school and home.

Students will be required to bring their iPads to school fully charged every day.

Charging at School?

No charging will be provided at school for BYOD iPads. If a student does not charge their device at home and it runs flat they will have to charge it that night at home. We are here to help teach our children about responsibility and consequences of decision-making.

How does my child save work?

We will be using a blend of Google Apps for Education and webDAV where appropriate to save work.

What happens if there is a technical problem with the iPad?

Kingswood Primary School will provide any technical assistance required to solve problems that may arise while the student is in possession of the iPad. It is solely the student's responsibility to get the device to the technician. The student needs to explain to the technician what the problem is and preferably show them the issue. The student **MUST** make contact with the technician on a **FRIDAY** when he is here. They must be able to provide all security passwords for the technician to troubleshoot the issue. In the event the technician can not fix the device it then becomes a family responsibility to have the device repaired at their expense.

Please note that if you wish to have our technician look at the device before returning it to Apple you waiver any claim against the technician or school for possible damage that may occur whilst in their possession.

Can a family member use the iPad when it is at home?

The iPad is your device. You decide how it is used, however, it is essential that you understand an iPad is designed to be an individual device not a shared device.

What happens if the iPad is stolen or damaged?

You will need to pay all associated costs, in other words it is the owners responsibility. The school will not be held responsible any damage or theft of your device. We highly recommend you take out home insurance on the device or a completely different policy to cover it.

Who is responsible for internet safety at home?

The parents. It is a parent's responsibility to ensure they have a protected network and good internet protocols and environment at home. The school is providing links on the school website to further assist those parents that need additional support in this area.

How do I purchase an iPad or Mini iPad?

Buy from retail stores or the Apple Education Store. If you buy from the Apple Store you can also have the device engraved for free. If you buy from a retail store you can sometimes get it a little cheaper. We will not recommend one above the other. Although the trend has been for students to have mini iPad 2 versions.

Who is responsible for home configurations?

The parent/s or guardian will be responsible for home network connectivity and user preferences.

Should I buy a cover?

Yes. There are literally thousands of covers that can be purchased from stores. Naturally some covers offer more protection than others. Families must make those decisions. Ones that seem to offer excellent protection are the Otterbox and Survivor covers

Is there a safe web based browser my child can use?

Thanks to a parents experience I would like to recommend interested families download and join the following safe web based browser <http://www.mobicip.com/>
It seems to be very effective as a filtered search engine that removes inappropriate content.

Where else can I see this information or all other information about the program?

We will be developing a page on the school website devoted completely to the program with all links.

Why do we recommend the iPad 4 version and up?

There are additional features on the iPad and mini iPad 4 that are not available on older models when running iOS8. Resale value is of interest to some and finally the most significant reason is that new iPad 4's sold with iOS8 will come with several apps pre-installed that will save you around \$40. These apps are Pages, Keynotes, Numbers, iMovie and iPhoto

What is the next step?

[REGISTRATION FOR THE 2016 BYOD IPAD PROGRAM](#)

Or go to http://kingswoodprimaryschool.formstack.com/forms/2014_ipad_contact_form_copy_copy

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact the Grade 3 to 6 teachers or Aaron Cox on cox.aaron.a@edumail.vic.gov.au