

Kingswood Primary School 1:1 iPad or Chromebook Program

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Students 2017



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Dear Parents,

We are pleased to be able to offer you an invitation to join the 1:1 iPad or Chromebook 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 2017.

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 and Chromebook 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 and Chromebook 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 and Chromebook 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
- Provide engagement for students born into the digital world

Teacher Planning:

Please be advised that Year 3 - 6 teachers plan with the specific intent that that every child has either an iPad or Chromebook in hand. This does not mean though every moment involves using technology. It is on a needs basis.

Inappropriate Use of Devices:

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 and in accordance with our ICT and eSmart policies.

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 2017 will be \$25.** This levy covers the licensing fee of the management system of a Kingswood App Store which is accessible at school and from home.

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 iPads:

- **An iPad must be at least any version of iPad with a lightning charger**
- **We highly recommend Gen 4 devices or newer**
- **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

	Chrome book	iPad
ONE parent MUST attend the our Cyber Safety Parent session about online safety at school and at home on October 20 at 7.00pm OR November 17th 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 their iPad device		
Evidence of a \$40 iTunes balance, minus purchased school apps will be required		
Chromebooks must be at least 11” models. They must be strictly WiFi models and not SIM card capable.		
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		
Chromebook must be carried to and from school in some form of protective covering		
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 and Chromebook Program. <u>ALL 2017 families in 3&4 and 5&6 MUST register online.</u> This includes all existing students. <u>Registration can be completed by your Compass Course</u> <u>Confirmation link from your homepage.</u>		

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,

Rosemary Cosentino and Aaron Cox

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 Cyber Safety session you will have to attend the Cyber Safety session held on the first Friday of each Term at 9.00am in the library. Until this evidence is produced your child **will not** be able to join the program.

How often will the device be used in 2017?

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, Chromebook 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. Chromebooks may need to be charged through the day depending on their usage but all manufactures claim between 9-12 hours of battery life.

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. As for Chromebooks, until we experience them in day to day usage we suggest students bring charging cables to school. If we determine that devices will withstand a full days use, students will be responsible for charging them only at home.

How does my child save work?

We will be using a blend of Google Suites for Education 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 their iPad or Chromebook. **It is solely the student's responsibility** to get the device to the technicians onsite. The student needs to explain to the technician what the problem is and preferably show them the issue. Students **MUST** make contact with the technician on a **FRIDAY for iPads and Tuesday or Wednesday for Chromebooks.** They must be able to provide all security passwords for the technician to troubleshoot any issues. 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 the manufacturer 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 device when it is at home?

The iPad or Chromebook is your device. You decide how it is used, however, it is essential that you understand that in the case of iPads it is designed to be an individual device not a shared device.

What happens if the device 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. We have noticed those devices with low memory tend to fill rather quickly.

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 hundreds of iPad 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 for iPads are the Otterbox and Survivor covers. For the Chromebook we suggest a sturdy hard shell carry bag.

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 iOS9 and above. Resale value is of interest to some and therefore should be considered.

What is the next step?

Registration for the 2017 iPad/Chromebook Program is now open on your child's Compass Feed

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