



Q: Will I be expected to purchase a brand new device?



A: No, you can choose to use a device that you already own or purchase a used device. Please refer to Gumdale's recommended models and storage sizes. We have also set up an online portal for our community through JB Hi-Fi. They offer competitive prices with a finance free periods. Please see the school website for more information. Alternatively, parents can opt in to the school's iPad Hire Scheme. This requires a yearly payment to hire the iPad and includes the cost of apps. The device will be managed by the school and the device will stay on school premises. Please email ipadclasses@gumdaless.eq.edu.au for more information.

Q: Why only allow Apple iPads and no other mobile devices or laptops?

A: We believe in a consistent approach to ensure best productivity with regard to maximising student outcomes. In providing technical support to both parents and students, it is also preferable to be managing one type of device.

Q: What if I can't afford to buy an iPad?

A: You can opt in to our school's iPad hire program for 2021. You will need to complete your expression of interest in this scheme. Please email ipadclasses@gumdaless.eq.edu.au for more information. If you are experiencing financial hardship, please contact the school office to make an appointment with your child's Deputy Principal.

Q: Will an older iPad be suitable for my child at school?

A: iPads need to be able to update to the latest version of the operating system (currently iOS 14.4). Older iPads that cannot update to this iOS will experience issues with some apps that do not support the older systems. Please refer to Gumdale's recommended models.

Q: How much of the day will the iPads be used? Will the students still be using pencil and paper as well as handwriting?

A: Yes, students will still continue to use pencil and paper and will practise handwriting. The amount of time that students will spend on their iPad each day will vary from year level to year level, class to class, student to student and even day to day. The amount of time will also vary, based on how well the iPad, as a tool to support learning, benefits individual students.

Q: Will my child learn to type?

A: We use a typing program called Typing Tournament for students in Year 2 to 6. We recommend that students use a physical keyboard for this program. Students will receive a username and password. This program can be accessed on a range of devices including iPads, laptop and desktop computers at home and at school.



Q: Will the iPads be managed at home or at school e.g loading apps, updating the device?

A: iPads will be managed at home however we can provide some technical support at school if the need arises. It is expected that all students will have all the required apps as per their Year Level app list ready for the first day at school. Teachers will guide and suggest applications that will benefit classroom learning. Teachers will communicate to parents if any additional apps will need to be downloaded during the school year. Most of these apps will be free. Parent can choose to load additional apps that are not required by the school but these must be kept in separate folders names 'Home Apps'.

Q: How much money will I be expected to spend on apps? Where do I find the app list?

A: We are limiting the amount to be spent on apps to \$20-\$30. Many of these apps will be used for concurrent year levels. There may be additional costs during the year for iBooks and additional apps requested by the teacher but we will endeavour to keep this at a minimum. We have also cut costs on the class booklists to ease costs on parents. App lists will be handed out with booklists at the end of the school year and will also be available on the school website. Please also be aware that Apple's 'Family Sharing' means that apps are shared across a family – and only need to be purchased once. Please see our school website for more information about 'Family Sharing'.



Will my child be able to charge their iPad at school?

Generally speaking, no. Students should make sure their iPad has a full charge at the start of the day. By making sure that unnecessary apps are closed and that power saving settings are in place, students will get a full school day out of their iPad. There are certain times, in an emergency, where if the battery has run out on a student's iPad, their teacher may allow them to use a charger. Students who participate in the school's iPad hire scheme will charge their iPads at school at the end of the day.

How are the iPads stored during the day when they aren't being used?

Teachers provide secure storage for BYO iPads during the school day. If a student accidentally left their BYO iPad in the classroom at the end of the day, the teacher will secure it safely overnight and notify parents.



How do I set up my child's iPad ready for school?

We have created a workflow to follow on how to set up your child's device. Please see our school website for more information about 'How to set up my child's device'.

How are you intending to stop the students playing games or watching videos or movies on their devices instead of doing the class activities?

Like all classroom activities and task, teachers will instruct and monitor student engagement to maximise learning. Devices will not be used to access movies or to be used a gaming device in a classroom. They are tools for learning and each activity will have a clear learning intention attached. Students will use the iPads for information gathering, capturing learning and demonstration of skills.

What about internet and cyber safety?

Education Queensland maintains strict filters on all school networks across the state. All teachers closely supervise all computer and iPad usage in the classroom and guide students as to where they can go on the Internet. All students also participate in cybersafety workshops each year.

Q: Do we need to purchase a cover for the iPad and if so, which one should we buy?

A: Yes, a fully enclosed, robust iPad cover is required for your child's device. We also recommend a glass screen protector to help protect the screen further. Year 2 – 6 students require access to a keyboard so we recommend you purchase a cover with an attached keyboard to the cover. We highly recommend Logitech iPad covers (see link below). If purchasing an iPad cover with an attached keyboard we highly recommend keyboards where the keys are not easily removed.



<https://www.logitech.com/en-au/product/slim-folio-ipad-keyboard-case>

You should also consider purchasing a waterproof sleeve or carry bag for your child device. There are many competitively priced cases and covers on eBay or you can choose to purchase from a local store. Please make sure you check the sizing of the sleeve or bag with the iPad size you have purchased to ensure it fits.



For Prep and Year 1 students, parents should consider a strong case that provides protection to both the front and back of the iPad. Many cases come with a built-in stand, which aids better posture when using the iPad at a desk. Please view the recommended cases below. Make sure you check the model of your iPad before purchasing a case to ensure it fits the device.



Child Safe Case



Shockproof Child Cover

Q: Do you allow the use of iMessage on the iPads?

A: We do not allow students to have iMessage on their iPads. We request that between the hours of 8:00am and 3:00pm you restrict the following applications: Messenger, Facebook and iMessage. We do this for the safety and good management of the school and students because we are unable to monitor what comes in

or goes out through messages. Any communication between home, school and/or the community should be via our office: 3902 8333. The use of iMessage in school time constitutes a breach of our rules and guidelines.



Q: Is my child required to know our Apple ID and password?

A: No.

Q: What about Prep classes?

A: Students in Prep will not be asked to bring an iPad until the start of second semester. This will give students time to acclimatise to the schooling experience and familiarise themselves with school procedures and expectations. All other grades will bring their iPads from the start of the school year.

How much homework should my child be doing on their iPad?

Homework can take the form of both digital and non-digital work. The amount of homework undertaken by students on their iPads will differ across the year levels. At the start of the year, teachers will inform parents of their expectations and the amount and type of work needed to be completed.

Where do I go to get more information?

All information regarding the BYO iPad Program is on the school website. Alternatively, you can send an email to iPadclasses@gumdaless.eq.edu.au to contact our Digital Technology Coaches.

