Gumdale State School

Getting Your Child's iPad Ready for Prep

Parent Guide for 2027



Welcome to Prep! Starting school is an exciting milestone for your child and your family. This guide will help you prepare your child's iPad, so it is ready for classroom learning. Please work through the checklist below before your child starts school. You do not need to be an expert in technology — simply follow each step and use the Apple Support links if you need help.

Before You Begin

Is Your Child Part of the SRS iPad Hire Program?

If your child is participating in the SRS iPad Hire Program, the required settings, features and apps will already be configured on their iPad. No additional setup steps are needed.

If you are providing your own iPad, please complete the checklist below.

Your iPad Setup Checklist

Check Your iPad Meets the 2027 Requirements

Before setting up your child's iPad, check that it meets the school's 2027 Device Requirements and can run the required version of iPadOS. This helps ensure your child can access the apps and resources needed for classroom learning. The **2027 Device requirements** can be found here on our school website

Create Your Parent Apple Account

You will need your own Apple Account (previously called an Apple ID) to manage your child's account and parental controls. If you already have an Apple Account, you can use it. Otherwise, visit Apple Support Australia.

Apple Support – Create and Apple Account: https://support.apple.com/en-au

Set Up Family Sharing

On your iPhone or iPad: open Settings, tap your name at the top of the screen, select Family, and follow the on-screen instructions. Apple's setup screens may vary depending on your device and software version.

Apple Support – Set Up Family Sharing: https://support.apple.com/en-au/108380

Create Your Child's Apple Account

Your child needs their own Apple Account. Follow Apple's instructions to create a child account and complete the required setup. Keep your child's account details somewhere safe so you can help them access their iPad if needed.

Apple Support – Create an Apple Account for Your Child: https://support.apple.com/en-au/102617

Set Up Screen Time Restrictions

Screen Time allows parents to manage app usage, downtime, content and other parental controls. Please ensure that no Screen Time restrictions interfere with your child's use of their iPad between 8:45 am and 3:00 pm on school days. Your child needs to be able to access the apps and learning resources used by their teacher throughout the school day. You can still use appropriate parental controls outside school hours.

Apple Support – Use Screen Time to Manage Your Child's iPad: https://support.apple.com/en-au/108806

Name Your Child's iPad

Please use this format: First Name Last Name - Class Name. To change the device name, open Settings, select General, select About, tap Name, and enter your child's first name, last name and class name. Example: Minnie Golf - PB. Replace the example with your child's details and class name.

Install the Required Apps

Please install the apps listed on the school's 2027 Prep app list before your child starts school. Check the list carefully to ensure all required apps are installed on your child's iPad as per the **app list.**

Set the iPad Passcode

Please set your child's iPad passcode to 1111 or 111111, as required by the school's setup process. This allows the ICT team and teaching staff to assist with setting up apps and configuring the iPad when required. These passcodes are easy to guess. Please follow the school's instructions regarding their use and any subsequent security changes.

Connect to the School Wi-Fi Network

Your child's iPad must connect to the Gumdale State School Wi-Fi network to access the school's managed network and learning resources. During the first few days your child brings their iPad to school, ICT staff will install the required profile on the device.

To check the profile later, open Settings > General > VPN & Device Management and look for Gumdale State School iPad Profile. This profile helps configure the iPad for the school's managed network and supports access to Department-approved websites and online learning resources.

Please do not remove this profile. If it is removed, your child's access to the school network will cease. If you cannot find the profile or have trouble connecting to school Wi-Fi, contact the school's ICT team or teaching staff for assistance.

Final Checklist Before Your Child Starts Prep

☐ My child's iPad meets the 2027 device requirements	☐ My child's iPad settings have been configured
☐ My parent Apple Account is ready	☐ The iPad name follows the format First Name Last Name - Class Name
☐ Family Sharing is set up	☐ The iPad passcode has been set as instructed
☐ My child has their own Apple Account	☐ All required apps from the 2027 Prep app list have been installed
☐ Screen Time settings have been reviewed	☐ I understand that the ICT staff will install the school profile during the first few days
☐ No Screen Time restrictions interfere with learning between 8:45 am and 3:00 pm on school days	☐ I know where to check for the Gumdale State School iPad Profile and understand that it must not be removed

Need Help?

It is completely understandable if you need a little help getting everything ready. Apple provides step-by-step instructions for setting up accounts, Family Sharing and Screen Time.

Apple Support Australia: https://support.apple.com/en-au

Family Sharing Setup: https://support.apple.com/en-au/108380

Creating a Child Account: https://support.apple.com/en-au/102617

Screen Time for Children: https://support.apple.com/en-au/108806

Thank you for helping prepare your child for their first year of school. Getting the iPad ready before Prep begins helps your child settle into classroom routines and access the digital learning resources they will use throughout the school year.

We look forward to welcoming your family to Prep!