

iPad Damage and Liability Policy

Purpose

This policy outlines the responsibilities of students, parents/carers, and the school when a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) iPad is damaged, lost or stolen while being brought to or used at school.

Scope

This policy applies to all students participating in the Gumdale State School iPad Program.

1. Student and Family Responsibility

Students are expected to:

- use their iPad safely and responsibly at all times
- keep their iPad in a heavy-duty protective case with a screen protector
- transport and store their iPad appropriately, as outlined in the iPad Program Participation Agreement
- follow all school expectations regarding the care and use of personal devices

As the iPad remains the property of the student and family, parents/carers are responsible for all reasonable repair or replacement costs arising from:

- accidental damage;
- loss; or
- theft

This does not include faults or defects covered by the manufacturer's warranty or other applicable consumer protections or damage determined to have resulted from deliberate actions by another person or substantiated negligence by the school.

Gumdale State School accepts no liability for the loss, theft or accidental damage of personally owned devices brought to school, except where responsibility is determined under this policy.

Families are strongly encouraged to obtain appropriate insurance coverage or accidental damage protection, such as AppleCare+.

2. Damage Caused by Another Student

Where an iPad is damaged through the deliberate, malicious, reckless or highly careless actions of another student:

- the school will investigate the incident
- responsibility will be determined based on the available evidence
- where appropriate, the student responsible may be required to contribute to or cover the repair or replacement costs
- the matter may also be addressed under the school's Student Code of Conduct
- all repairs for SRS Hire iPads will be completed by the school, and responsibility for the repairs will be determined based on the available evidence

3. Damage Resulting from School Negligence

If it can be demonstrated that a BYOD iPad or SRS Hire iPad was damaged as a direct result of substantiated negligence by the school or a staff member, the school will consider responsibility for reasonable repair or replacement costs.

Any determination will be made by the Principal in accordance with Department of Education policies and procedures.

4. Reporting Damage

Students must immediately report any damage, loss, theft or breakage of their own device or SRS Hire iPad to:

1. their classroom teacher; and
2. their parent or carer

Prompt reporting assists the school to investigate incidents and determine responsibility where required. **If damage is not reported in a timely manner, the school may not be able to take responsibility for repairs.**

5. Technical Support

School staff provide support for connecting BYOD iPads to school systems and approved learning platforms only. SRS Hire iPads are maintained by the ICT Department.

Gumdale State School is not responsible for:

- hardware repairs;
- warranty claims;
- insurance claims; or
- arranging repairs for privately owned devices.

All repairs and maintenance for SRS Hire iPads will be managed through the school ICT Department.

Policy Statement

BYOD iPads remain the responsibility of students and their families while in their care. Parents/carers are responsible for reasonable repair or replacement costs associated with accidental damage, loss, or theft, unless responsibility is otherwise determined under this policy. Faults or defects covered by the manufacturer's warranty or other applicable consumer protections are excluded from this responsibility.