

TJHS iPad Project

Senior Device Policy

Parent Information 2021



Dear Parent/Caregiver

After lengthy research and investigation, consultation with all stakeholders and reviewing best practice in learning with technology, it has been decided that in order to capitalise on innovation, immediacy and engagement with technology in learning that started in TJHS in 2016, the Senior BYOD policy will be as follows:

The minimum requirement for students will be an iPad with separate keyboard **OR** Mac book. These expectations aim to:

- Provide continued access for each individual student to their own device, enabling instant research, opportunities for creation and collaboration in classroom settings, which are still a priority in the senior classroom.
- Provide continued opportunities for the staff to facilitate learning in a consistent, innovative and collaborative manner in classroom learning environments.
- Utilise students' previous experiences from Years 7-10 and continue to foster 1:1 access to technology to enhance learning.
- Cater to the increased student demands in the senior classroom for increased word processing and capacity for storage of larger files.

Implementation

As previously required, students are expected to bring an iPad/MacBook to school within the first week of senior school. Each individual student will have their device connected with the wireless network to the internet. All devices are to be Wi-Fi capable and should not have a sim card as students are not allowed to connect through an external provider as there are no filters in place on these networks. Students are not allowed to tether / pair their device with their phone in order to bypass the school's network. In line with the Year 7 Student Agreement, senior students will be required to sign a new agreement to cater for their senior years.

It is encouraged that parents ensure appropriate insurance is taken out on the device. Equity iPads will be available to support students, however, an appointment must be made with Mr Coleman to discuss availability, length of loan and to sign a loan agreement.

Specifications

To cater for students' expected ongoing tertiary needs the following models are recommended as a minimum requirement

1. iPad 6th generation 128GB with blue tooth keyboard or iPad Pro
or
2. MacBook Air 128 GB

Backing Up

iPads / MacBooks should be backed up at home, usually when locked and connected through Wi-Fi.

Downloading apps and IOS updates

All downloads should be done at home as the school network cannot accommodate these large downloads. These downloads will significantly slow down students ability to access their digital learning platforms such as iTunes U across the school network. Students who are found to be doing this will be referred to the Deputy Principal and this may result in a loss of internet privileges.

Non School application and files

Software, including music and games will be allowed for academic and recreational use. Downloading of music, games and videos from the internet during school hours is prohibited except when instructed by their teacher.

Power Supply

All iPads/MacBooks are to be fully charged at home in preparation for the next day. All chargers should remain at home and not brought to school.

Note

The senior device policy is for Year 11 – 12 students only. The junior Years 7 – 10 are still required to have an operational iPad as part of their learning requirements up until the end of Year 10.