

iPad Frequently Asked Questions

How many BYO iPad classes will there be in 2018?

- Prep – 3-4 classes
- Year 1 – 3-4 classes
- Year 2 – iPad available in all Year 3 classes, and students may bring an iPad that meets specifications at any time during 2019
- Year 3 – BYO iPad available in all Year 3 classes, and students may bring an iPad that meets specifications at any time during 2019
- Year 4 – BYO iPad available in all Year 3 classes, and students may bring an iPad that meets specifications at any time during 2019
- *Year 5 and 6 classes will continue to be BYO MacBook in 2019*

What about students who are in BYO iPad classes in Prep this year?

Students who are in Prep BYO iPad classes in 2018 will be able to continue to BYO iPad in 2019.

What happens in 2020?

Students who are in the Prep – Year 3 BYO iPad program in 2019, will have the option to keep bringing their iPad to school for learning in 2020.

Can my child use a different tablet, instead of an iPad?

No. The iPad is the only tablet to be used for BYO at Peregian Springs State School. The focus in our *mLearning* program, as in all programs in our school, is on learning and teaching. Using only one brand of device (i.e. Apple) allows us to streamline our technical support and gives staff more confidence to troubleshoot the occasional glitch. It also allows Teachers to plan and teach all students at once using one set of apps, rather than spending time planning different lessons for students using different devices and different apps.

How will the BYO iPad classes in Prep and Year 1 be formed?

The BYO iPad classes are formed in the same way as our other classes. There will be a balance of gender and academic levels, as well as taking into account friendship groups. Support and extension for students with diverse learning needs will be provided in the same manner for BYO iPad classes, as for non-iPad classes.

Will there be a different booklist for students in the BYO iPad classes?

No. As iPads are used as a learning tool, students will still need access to pens, pencils and books.

I will have more than one child in Prep – Year 4 next year. Can they share an iPad?

No, this would be very difficult. A one-to-one program means that one child needs the iPad most of the time. Sharing one iPad across classes between family members would be quite impractical. It is best for families who have decided to purchase an iPad, to make it available at school for the use of one child (perhaps the eldest), and the other child/ren use a school-owned iPad when they are available in the classroom.

How much time will students spend on the iPad each day?

This will vary from class to class, and activity to activity. As with all ICT devices in our school, students are encouraged to use the best tool for the task at hand. It would be very rare for students to be using an iPad for an entire school day.

Who will use the iPad?

Your child will be 'in charge' of their own iPad. There will be occasions where they will be working collaboratively with other students on particular tasks, which may involve other students using their iPad. This however will be as part of a collaborative task and your child will remain 'in charge' of and with their iPad at all learning times. Their class teacher will also access their iPad at times, to check settings, installed apps or their schoolwork.

Is the assessment the same in an iPad class?

Yes. Students using BYO iPads will have the same assessment items/tasks as all other students. However, they may be able to demonstrate their learning in a different way through using their iPad.

Will students still be learning handwriting?

Yes. As part of the Australian Curriculum: English, handwriting is taught from Prep – Year 6. Handwriting is still taught as we believe that children in primary school need to continue to develop their handwriting and fine motor skills, and this is included in learning programs. It is an essential skill to participate and communicate in the world. They will complete many tasks, including Maths, using paper and pencil. Students will further develop their skills in editing and proofreading, by accessing and learning to understand the spell-check feature on the iPad. At times, teachers may instruct them to turn this feature off as well.

Can my child bring an iPad Mini to school?

No, the iPad Mini is not allowed. The screen size is far too small to be a productive tool for learning. See the minimum requirements (above) for further information.

Can my child bring an iPad Pro to school?

An iPad Pro is not necessary and quite a bit more expensive than a standard iPad. If parents prefer to purchase an iPad Pro, then that is up to them. A standard iPad is more than enough.

We already have an iPad. How do we know what model the iPad is?

Turn your iPad over and look for the model number, A then 4 numbers (e.g. A9876). Or look in Settings> General> About and scroll down to model number. Then check this website: <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201471>

What Apps does the iPad need to have?

Families will be sent a list of required Apps to be downloaded onto the iPad before it comes to school in 2019 and it will also be available on the school website.

Why can't we send older models of iPads?

All BYO iPads must be able to use the upcoming iOS12. Older iPads that cannot run iOS12 do not allow many features/functions that students and teachers use everyday, such as Air Drop and Siri.

As well, due to their age many older iPads will have a shorter battery life than newer ones, and hence may not last the full school day.

Can I send a 32gb model to school for my child to use?

It is preferred that students have at a minimum of 128Gb of storage on their iPads. The operating system (iOS) and apps take up quite a bit of that storage space to start with. Then when students begin to add their own files, pictures, movies, audio recordings, from experience 32Gb iPads become full very quickly.

Where can I buy an iPad from?

Parents can purchase an iPad from any Apple Store or Apple Reseller. The school does not have any arrangements with a particular supplier. You may be able to get Education/Student pricing through Apple Stores or Apple online.

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, a static wallpaper is used and that power saving settings are in place, students can usually 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 their charger in order to retrieve a necessary file.

Will the children be learning to touch type in class?

The school doesn't have any plans to teach students to touch type. Although it is a fantastic technical skill to have, many students have already developed their own typing style, from using devices since they were quite young. Teachers will work with students on aspects of keyboard awareness. There are many free Apps and websites that Parents can set up with their child to use at home to improve their keyboard proficiencies.

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

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.

What about Internet safety? What does the school do about cybersafety?

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. As part of being an eSmart accredited school, class teachers implement the school's Cybersafety Program in all year levels. Part of this program teaches students what to do if they feel unsafe on the Internet, including how to screenshot offensive material. It also pays specific attention to the sharing of personal information online. In older year levels students also have access to our PSSS Concern ICT reporting site, if they have concerns about cyberbullying or other unsafe online behaviours they may experience.

Which case should I buy?

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. Some of the strong cases our current students have on their BYO iPads are similar to these:

<p>Safegrip Rugged Case www.buzzcases.com.au</p> 	<p>Tough Gripper www.casebuddy.com.au</p> 	<p>www.mycasecovers.com.au</p> 
<p>Shockwave II Toughcase www.casebuddy.com.au</p> 	<p>iPad Air Heavy Duty Case www.littlesun.com.au</p> 	<p>Koosh Cases www.buzzcases.com.au</p> 