



Bertram Primary School - General Information

iPad BYOD Program 2020

Pre-Primary – Year 6

Why iPads for primary school students?

Bertram has been implementing a complete school program for a number of years. Each year our program develops to a higher level as staff and students become more skilled in the use of the device. This commitment and development was recognised with Bertram awarded Apple Distinguished School status since 2015.

The use of iPads across the school offers students another method of accessing and demonstrating learning. Its ability to connect directly to the world the student is living in increases engagement and relevance for the child. This along with the connectedness to home through a variety of sharing apps and websites means parents are even more aware of the day to day learning of their child and as a result involved and able to support their child in a more meaningful way as they progress through the school.

Bertram Primary School continues to offer our students, teachers and community the opportunity to integrate innovative technology into classroom practice to enhance student engagement and motivation.

What if I don't provide an iPad?

The iPad program is **completely voluntary**. Students who do not have their own device will have some access to school iPads, however this may not be 1:1. Each Learning Area has a small bank of school iPads rotated between students. These devices are not permitted to leave the school.

What iPad should I buy?

- We recommend the iPad 10.2 WiFi, 32 GB as the minimum device required. These may be purchased from a variety of recommended Apple resellers, including <https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/bertrampsipads>
- The newer the iPad the longer it will be able to accommodate future software and app purchases.
- Purchasing an older iPad may mean your device is unable to be updated and the compatibility of apps may become an issue in the future.

What if my child already has an older iPad?

If your family already has an iPad and you would like to send this to school with your child, you do not need to purchase a new device at this time – providing it is capable of operating with the required capacity. You will be required to provide the schools completed insurance forms, exactly as if the device was purchased new for the program.

Be aware older iPads may have limited functions and may not support the required learning area apps.

Why 32 GB?

The recommended size for an iPad in an educational environment is at **least** 32GB. Items stored on the iPad include apps, photos, videos and other media.

Having the correct updated Apps on your child's device is critical to the ongoing successful use of the device.

Children without the required Apps are unable to maximise the use of their device. Whilst this is an expense it is an ongoing investment in your child's learning, provides 24hour learning access and support and enables the maximum use of your investment. All Apps need to be kept current.

Where should I get my child's iPad from?

There are a number of options you may wish to consider in regard to providing your child with an iPad:

- You may provide an iPad you already have at home. Please consider personal items such as photos which may need to be removed before you send it to school with your child.
- You may wish to purchase or lease a new iPad for your child.

Wherever you purchase your device we recommend you consider the AppleCare Protection Plan which provides 24/7 online support and ensure your device is insured.

What else do I need to buy?

When you purchase your iPad you will need to consider the following:

- Your iPad must be fitted with a protective case, front and back. Keep in mind the students will be using them to take photos and videos so ensure the cover can be held or moved to allow easy access.
- All Apple hardware comes with a one-year limited warranty and up to 90 days of complimentary telephone technical support. It is recommended you extend your coverage further with the AppleCare Protection Plan.

Security - Before, after and during school

- The security of the iPad is the responsibility of the parent/carer outside of school hours.
- Students are not allowed to remove iPads from Learning Areas during lunch or recess. At these times the Learning Areas are locked and iPads secured in a locked box.
- The school After School Hours Care provider is aware of the need to securely store your child's iPad while they are in their care before and/or after school.

What happens if my iPad is damaged or broken?

iPads brought to school are **not covered** by the Bertram Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance.

Will my child still learn to read and write?

Yes! Literacy and Numeracy are the top priorities of Bertram Primary School. The iPad program has been introduced to enhance and extend these skills. Studies have shown the best way to master a new skill is to practice and many Apps are designed to repeat and practice various skills and knowledge. The use of iPads in a classroom setting offers new and engaging ways for the students to practice a wide range of skills identified in the WA Curriculums.

Will my child have to share the iPad I paid for?

It is important the child whose parents have purchased an iPad is the primary user of the device. Sharing of iPads will only occur where there is no disadvantage to its owner. The social skill of sharing is important for schools and families to develop within their children and this will occur where appropriate.

Mobile Device Management Program (MDM)

The school uses an MDM program which makes the updating and accessing of apps significantly easier for all stakeholders. Information is available elsewhere on this program.

If you have any questions about our program please contact the school. We are committed to making our program a success and your support is critical in this journey.