Why iPads for primary school students?
iPad trials are currently being conducted in 19 public schools across Western Australia. The iPad trials have shown the use of iPads with Year 1 and 2 students increased:

- Phonological awareness;
- The acquisition of phonics;
- The development of reading; and
- The recall of basic number facts.

Further trials have shown the use of iPads in primary school settings;
- Enhances students' learning in literacy and numeracy;
- Expands teachers' pedagogical practices; and
- Facilitates the development of creative approaches to teaching and learning.

For further information about these trials see [http://det.wa.edu.au/ipadsforeducation/detcms/navigation/ipad-initiative/?page=1](http://det.wa.edu.au/ipadsforeducation/detcms/navigation/ipad-initiative/?page=1)

Bertram Primary School is offering our students and teachers 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. These will be used on a rotational basis between the Learning Areas and available as often as practical.

Why Apple?
- Stability - The iPad operating system has the reputation of being robust and intuitive.
- Security - The Apple App Store tests all new apps before releasing them to the public, ensuring no inappropriate content appears. The android app store is an open source platform anyone can upload to; the apps are not checked and leave people exposed to unwanted content.
- Continuity - Apps perform the same way on all recent versions of the iPad, making it easier to cater for a variety of devices over time. Apple updates are pushed through automatically ensuring users are consistently using the most up to date versions of the software. The Apple ID system allows users to change devices without losing any apps.
- Support - The AppleCare Protection Plan provides 24/7 complimentary telephone support, including software support for 2 years. AppleCare gives you one-stop technical service and support from Apple experts and most issues can be resolved in a single call.
- Curriculum - The Department of Education iPad trial has collected anecdotal evidence regarding the benefits of iPads in early childhood education. A number of trial schools are integrating iPads across the curriculum and Bertram has taken advantage of the experience these schools has to offer and combined it with its own expertise to create a rich learning environment for our students.

What iPad should I buy?
- We recommend the iPad 4th generation 32G or iPad mini 32G. These can be purchased from a variety of recommended Apple resellers.
- The iPad mini is built to newer specifications and will be able to be updated for future software and app purchases for a longer period of time than the iPad 2.
- Purchasing an older iPad may mean that your device is not able to be updated and the compatibility of apps may become an issue in the future.
- The camera on the iPad 2 is of a much lower quality than both the iPad (4th Generation) and the iPad mini.
What if my child already has an iPad 2?
If your family already has an iPad 2 and you would like to send this to school with your child, you do not need to purchase a new device at this time. You will be required to provide insurance and serial number details, exactly as if the device was purchased new for the program.

Why 32G?
The recommended size for an iPad in an educational environment is 32G. This is supported by the level of use experienced by the PP/1 students in 2013. Items stored on the iPad include apps, photos, videos and other media and 32G will enable students to store their work on the device without having to manage the content externally. It allows the flexibility for home and holiday use by your family.

Why the $50 App Store Credit?
You will be required to install apps on your child's iPad while at home in order for them to participate fully in the 1:1 iPad program. A list of apps which need to be installed on all iPads has been provided to you. From time to time you will be asked to install additional apps and you may need to purchase additional credit.

Information regarding installing apps will be provided at parent information sessions at the beginning of 2014. Bertram Primary School staff will not install apps on your child's iPad.

Apps may be shared between a maximum of 5 devices with the same Apple ID at no additional cost. Due to copyright restrictions the school is unable to load apps onto multiple devices.

If you are purchasing your child’s iPad before the 2014 school year you may wish to install the apps and take some time to become familiar with them.

If you purchase the AppleCare Protection Plan for your iPad you are provided with 24/7 telephone support from Apple technical experts for 2 years. If you have problems installing apps they will provide assistance over the phone.

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 PP-Year 4 child with an iPad to bring to school in 2014:

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

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

Winthrop Australia
We have negotiated with Winthrop Australia to provide Bertram families the opportunity to purchase or lease iPads or iPad minis directly from them.

The portal is currently open and receiving orders for delivery later this term https://portal.winaust.com.au/a/BertramPrimarySchool

Why Winthrop Australia?
Winthrop Australia is the provider of Apple products to the Department of Education. They are able to provide a wrap-around service to schools including:

- One stop shop - the online ordering portal enables you to get everything you need in the same place.
- Warranty and Insurance - Winthrop Australia offers logging of warranty and insurance repairs through their online portal. iPads are dropped off at school to be logged by a school representative, collected by Winthrop Australia, repaired / replaced and returned in a timely manner.
- Support - Winthrop Australia offers ongoing professional development, parent information sessions to schools and phone support.
Can I order later in the year?
Yes! The portal remains open and orders can be placed at any time. Orders will be processed on a daily basis with delivery approximately 4 weeks after processing. Parents will be contacted when their order arrives at school. Once you have purchased your iPad and completed the school insurance form confirming you understand your child’s device is not covered by the school insurance policy your child will be able to bring it to school.

Leasing
Flexirent in conjunction with Winthrop Australia offers a leasing option for parents. Details of this offer can be found at https://portal.winaust.com.au/forms/view/211

Why leasing, if it is more expensive?
Leasing is an option Winthrop Australia has provided to families as an alternative to the expense of purchasing an iPad outright. You will need to read the terms and conditions set out by Flexirent to see if this is the right option for you.

What happens at the end of the 2 year lease?
A number of options exist for the end of the leasing period which need to be investigated as part of your decision making process. View the lease terms and conditions to make sure leasing suits your personal needs.

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. If you purchase or lease your device through the Winthrop Australia portal, you may select a cover as an optional accessory.
- 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. If you purchase your device through the Winthrop Australia portal you may select the 2 Year iPad AppleCare Protection Plan as an optional extra.
- Your iPad is not covered by the Bertram Primary School or Department of Education insurance policy. You may wish to check with your home and/or contents insurer if your existing cover extends to an iPad being brought to school by your child. If you purchase your device through Winthrop Australia you may select insurance through Protectsure as an optional extra.

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 classes are locked and iPads secured in a locked box.
- OSHClub provides locked storage for iPads while students 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.

Where iPads are purchased through Winthrop Australia and the Optional 2 Year Protectsure Insurance option is selected, students will be able to bring their device to school for a school representative to log the fault. The damaged item will be picked up by a courier, repaired or replaced and returned to school for collection. An excess of $50 for iPad minis and $100 for iPads applies. Some loan iPads will be available for use by students at school while their device is being repaired.

Where the Protectsure Insurance Option is not taken or the iPad is purchased independently or brought from home it needs to be covered under your own insurance. The school will not provide a loan iPad in this situation. If the iPad is damaged at school it is the parents’ responsibility to pay the insurance excess.
If you lease an iPad or iPad mini through Flexirent you have cover against theft, loss or accidental damage. There is a 24hr replacement when your device is in for repair.

Before your iPad can come to school you will be required to complete a form providing the serial number of your device and confirming you understand it is not covered by the school or Department of Education insurance policy.

What happens if my iPad is not functioning properly?
If you purchased or leased your iPad through Winthrop Australia you have a 2 year AppleCare Protection Plan with 24/7 technical support. Your first option would be to access the support provided by the Apple experts through AppleCare. If they are unable to resolve the problem you will bring your iPad to school where a school representative will log the issue for you. It will be collected, repaired or replaced and returned to school in a timely manner. Some loan iPads will be available for use by students at school while their device is being repaired.

If you purchased your iPad independently or provided one from home you will need to refer to the warranty you selected at the point of sale. Apple products have a 1 year limited warranty unless you purchase an AppleCare Protection Plan which provides a 2 year warranty. The school will not be able to provide a loan iPad in this situation.

Will my child still learn to read and write?
Yes! Literacy and Numeracy are the top priorities of any 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. 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 Australian Curriculum.

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 parents to develop within their children and this will occur where appropriate.

Can I purchase an iPad for my children who are in other year levels?
In 2014 the 1:1 iPad Program is being implemented in all PP, Year1, 2, 3 and 4 Learning Areas. If your child’s year level is not in the 1:1 iPad Program but they have an iPad, discuss with their LA teacher opportunities for them to bring it to school at the beginning of the 2014 school year.

Will my child be able to use their iPad in subsequent years?
In 2015 the 1:1 iPad program will extend to include all years, PP-Year 6. Professional learning and planning opportunities will continue to be made available to all staff in preparation for the wider integration of iPads into the teaching and learning program at Bertram.

What is the life expectancy of an iPad?
Remember that a computer, any computer, is not an investment. Technology changes faster than a device is "worth", so the life expectancy of any device is however long its user can use it for its intended purpose.

Reference sites:
If you would like to know more about iPad in schools please review the following sites:
http://www.kalgoorlieps.wa.edu.au/articles/13
http://det.wa.edu.au/ipadsp4education/detcms/navigation/ipad-initiative/?page=1
http://www.nmc.org/publications/2012-horizon-report-k12
http://www.scoop.it/t/curtin-ipad-user-group/p/1994276675/study-backs-ipad-school-use-uwa-ecu
https://ipad.redlands.qld.edu.au/