



Keilor Heights BYOD Program 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As many of you are aware, KHPS runs a BYO iPad program. This program plays a vital role in providing students with reliable, on-demand access to powerful information, collaboration, productivity and creative digital tools. Commencing this next year, our Year 3 students are encouraged to bring to school a fully charged iPad, ready for use every day. Once connected to the school network, appropriate apps will be provided that are used in the classroom.

We know that many of our families will already have an iPad at home which they may wish to use at school. To help ease the burden of purchasing a new device, students may use an iPad from home as long as it meets our minimum requirements and specifications.

An option to buy an iPad has been provided through JB Hi-Fi. If you are interested in comparing the prices of this education offer from JB Hi-Fi, please use the QR code on the right.

The school code to access this site is 2025KEILORHPS

Please do not feel obligated to buy from this site, as this is an option to purchase.

Any further questions, don't hesitate to contact:

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Rationale

The nature of education in the 21st century has changed dramatically in recent years and continues to evolve as technologies and digital resources evolve, improve, become cheaper and more user friendly. In the past, the humble desktop and laptop met our students' needs but with the push to develop transdisciplinary 21st century skill sets, new Australian and Victorian Curriculum standards and the availability of increasingly affordable and reliable mobile technologies, there is a need for us to reassess the why, how and what we do with technology in our school. We need to move beyond seeing computers/devices as simply a tool for word processing, spreadsheets, presentations and consuming online information.

Today, students must:

- Move beyond productivity and into creativity, content creation, collaboration and sharing.
- Be able to access digital tools 'on-demand', whenever students need it during class to support their learning.
- Consume and compose multimodal/multimedia texts that integrate image, video, music, sound, spoken language and written text.
- Capture, record, reflect and share on their own learning.
- Read, organise and store a range of data and information products on and offline.
- Be responsible and conscientious Digital Citizens.

Based on the iPad pilot in 2018, our experiences with technology at KHPS, expert advice and testing a range of alternative devices, we have chosen the Apple iPad as the device that best fits our students, teachers, curriculum and school needs.

The iPad is reliable, lightweight, intuitive, user-friendly and affordable when compared to the alternatives. Along with the iOS ecosystem of integrated apps, the App Store, security features, Apple's customer service and support network, the iPad provides a great package that will support our students and families now and into the near future.

Recommended device and minimum requirements

If purchasing, we recommend the iPad (9th generation), Wi-Fi only in 64GB or 128GB for the KHPS BYOD Program. This helps maximise its useful lifespan and should allow your child to continue to use the device through to the end of Primary school and possibly beyond if protected and cared for correctly.

Recommended iPad Model

iPad (9th generation)

Released: 2021

Capacity: 64GB, 256GB

10.2-inch Retina display with True Tone¹

Lightning connector for charging and accessories

iPadOS 17 is uniquely powerful, easy to use and designed for the versatility of iPad

A13 Bionic chip with Neural Engine

8MP Wide back camera, and 12MP Ultra Wide front camera with Centre Stage

64GB or 256GB Storage

Stereo speakers

Touch ID for secure authentication and Apple Pay

802.11ac Wi-Fi

Up to 10 hours of battery life³

Works with Apple Pencil (1st generation) and Smart Keyboard²



What to choose - Spec Comparison

<https://www.apple.com/au/ipad/compare/>

Minimum iPad model requirements

We acknowledge that many families have an iPad at home and wish to use it for the BYO iPad Program. This may help ease the financial burden of purchasing a new device. Please carefully read the minimum specifications listed below to determine if the iPad you have at home is eligible for use in the BYO iPad program.

When determining whether or not you can use an iPad from home or when purchasing a second-hand iPad for the Year 3 & 4 BYO iPad Program, there are two key questions to answer:

#1. Does the iPad support the latest Apple operating system, currently iOS 17?

Running the latest operating system (iOS17) allows the device to run all of the required apps on the KHPS Apps List and takes advantage of the latest security features Apple has to offer. Below we have included a list of the iPad models that are compatible with the latest iOS 17.

#2. Is the screen 9.7-inches or larger?

Unfortunately, students will not be able to use an iPad mini due to the small screen size and various apps/programs, including the NAPLAN Online assessment program will not support the iPad mini's small screen size.

If you answered, "Yes" to both questions then the device can be used for our Year 3 & 4 BYO iPad Program.

Current iPad models that comply with the minimum specifications/requirements are:

iPad Air 4th generation
10.5-inch iPad Air 3
12.9 inch iPad Pro (4th generation)
12.9-inch iPad Pro (3rd generation)
12.9-inch iPad Pro (2nd generation)
11-inch iPad Pro
10.5-inch iPad Pro
9.7-inch iPad Pro
iPad (9th, 8th, 7th generation)

For further information from Apple and if your model of iPad is not listed above, visit the following site to learn more about your iPad and its compatibilities: <https://support.apple.com/en-in/guide/ipad/ipad213a25b2/ipados>

Please note:

- iPads with minimum storage of 16GB and 32GB may require regular off-device backup in order to ensure adequate working storage and memory.

Accessories and options

To protect your child's iPad, help minimise the risk of damage and maximise the life of the iPad we have listed required and recommended accessories.

Please note Keilor Heights Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not cover the loss or damage of student devices.

- iPads **must have a suitable protective cover** that encloses the whole iPad (front and back) and provide strong protection for the corners of the device so as to minimise the risk of screen breakage.
- iPads **must be clearly labelled** with the student's name and year level and we highly recommend taking a "selfie" and using it as the lock screen background.
- iPads **must be passcode/password protected** and Touch ID should be enabled if available.
- We **highly recommend a quality screen protector** to protect it from scratches and help strengthen the screen against breakage.
- We **highly recommend enabling Find My Device and Find Friends to track your child's iPad**. For more information <https://support.apple.com/explore/find-my-iphone-ipad-mac-watch>

Further options are available, although are for you to choose as they come with extra costs.

- **Purchasing Apple Care+ for iPad** that will provide up to two years of expert technical support and additional hardware coverage including up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to additional service fees.
- **A Bluetooth keyboard or keyboard cover.** When choosing a keyboard, we suggest testing different keyboards/covers at your nearest Apple store or technology retail store. These stores often have iPads on display with keyboard/covers attached to test.
- **A stylus, Apple pencil or Logitech Crayon** (Please check compatibility before purchasing). Styluses or the Apple Pencil can assist with drawing, sketching, graphics and writing on the screen.
- **iCloud Storage plans, ranging from the free 5GB to 50GB** (monthly subscription) especially if you have an iPad with the minimum storage. For updated iCloud Storage pricing see <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201238>

Setting up your child's iPad

Create an Apple ID

- Everyone should have their own Apple ID, so make sure that your child signs in with their Apple ID. Don't share your Apple ID with your child. If your child uses your Apple ID, you might have issues such as getting each other's iMessages.
- Our recommendation is that your child does not know the password to this account.

Family Sharing

- Allows you to purchase apps/music/books once and share it across multiple devices and accounts.

Parental Controls

- With Content & Privacy Restrictions in Screen Time (in Settings), you can block or limit specific apps and features on your child's device, and restrict the settings on the iPad for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.
- Setting parental controls is a sensible plan, however over-restriction can be detrimental for educational purposes.

The school requires all messaging apps be restricted during school hours.

More information on how to set up your child's iPad and setting up parental controls can be found on the Apple website: <https://support.apple.com>

KHPS Apps List

All apps that are needed for your child to use at school will be provided by the school. Our system allows for apps to be sent out to iPads. On most occasions, an 'ok' from the user is needed to install the app. These apps can be used at anytime, both inside and outside of school. Your iPad does not need to be preloaded with apps prior to bring it to school. All apps we use are free. If and when your child leaves the school, the apps can remain on the iPad and continue to be used. Once the apps are installed, please make sure they are not deleted and removed.

School Expectations and Student Responsibilities

- While at school the iPad is to be used for educational purposes only.
- Students will be responsible for the care and maintenance of their iPad. Keilor Heights Primary School takes no responsibility for any damage or loss of a student's device and accessories. Parents can choose to purchase the extended Apple warranty, *Apple Care+ for iPads* and/or (if applicable) add the iPad to any personal or home insurance coverage.
- Students must ensure their iPad is fully charged prior to the start of each school day. Students should not expect to charge their device at school.

- The iPad must be carried in a protective cover that encloses the entire device (front and back) at all times.
- Travelling to and from school, the iPad must be securely stored in the student's school bag. An additional protective sleeve/envelope is recommended when storing iPads in a school bag.
- Students are not permitted to play non-educational games while at school. Sanctions will apply if a student is found to be using their iPad inappropriately at school in line with KHPS Acceptable Use Agreement and policies.
- The iPad is primarily an educational device and students are to ensure that non-educational material (eg. music, movies, apps) stored on their iPad does not limit the capacity of their iPad to store school-related materials.
- Individual students are responsible for their own iPads and should ensure that they take care of it at all times. iPads should not be left unsecured where others can readily gain access to them.
- Students must be respectful of other students' property and privacy at all times. Photos and video will not be taken unless permission is given, as well as sharing or publication of any images without the permission of the classroom teacher.
- Students must not share their passwords with anyone or interfere with another student's iPad.
- When using iPads or other technologies, students must conduct themselves as responsible digital citizens at all times and abide by the KHPS Acceptable Use Agreement as well as all relevant KHPS and Department of Education Policies and Guidelines. Any breaches of these policies will incur sanctions and disciplinary action.
- On days of sporting competition or excursions students may be asked to leave their iPads at home.
- iPads with damaged or broken screens must be repaired as soon as possible and are not permitted to be used in school until the screen has been repaired.
- Students will be responsible for the regular backup of their device. We highly recommend the use of Apple's iCloud backup system.