



eLearning iPad Program Device Requirements

2026

Item	Approximate Cost	Supporting Information
MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS		
Apple iPad: Gen 8, Gen 9, Gen 10 or Gen 11 (A16) Wi-Fi only (no cellular)	Gen 9 (64 GB) from \$347 Gen 10 (64 GB) from \$444 Gen 11 (A16) (128 GB) from \$555	Gen 8: 32 GB or 128 GB Gen 9: 64 GB or 256 GB Gen 10: 64 GB or 256 GB Gen 11 (A16): 128 GB, 256 GB or 512 GB iPad minis are not accepted .
Shockproof iPad Case with stand	From \$25	Cases must be heavy duty and <u>cover the whole iPad</u> (not just clip onto the back).
Screen Protector	From \$15	Glass or Plastic. Helps prevent scratches and breakages.
Waterproof Carry Case	From \$10	iPads must be transported in a carry case that is waterproof. e.g. large pencil case made from wet suit material
Headphones <i>Note: IF PARTICIPATING IN THE STUDENT RESOURCE SCHEME HEADPHONES ARE SUPPLIED</i>	From \$10	Over-ear wired headphones only. Check for compatibility with iPad prior to purchase.
Setup Family Sharing	Free	Create a Child Apple ID and enable Parent Controls Setup Family Sharing: https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201088 Enable Parent Controls: https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201304 School website link: click here

Install Required Apps	TBA	Install <u>all</u> required apps from the current list. The 2026 apps list will be released in Term 4 and will also be available on the school website.
OPTIONAL PURCHASES		
Stylus	From \$20	iPad compatible. Stylus pens can allow for more control when writing and annotating on the iPad.
Keyboard	From \$20	iPad compatible. An add on keyboard can assist some students to use the iPad more steadily.
AppleCare+ Insurance	Approx. \$99 (2 years)	Provides expert technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple. Please see Apple website for Terms and Conditions of coverage.

FAQs

Am I expected to purchase a brand-new iPad?

No. However, for students to be connected and supported securely by the Department's network, iPads must meet our device requirements: **Gen 8, Gen 9, Gen 10 or Gen 11 (A16)**.

Do I have to purchase from a particular store?

No. You can purchase from any store, provided the device meets our requirements.

Will students continue to use pencils, paper and books, and have access to desktops and/or laptops?

Yes. Students will continue learning using a range of tools, including books, paper and pencils. Handwriting, writing, and spelling will still be explicitly taught. If a learning opportunity is more effective using traditional methods, these will be used. Students will also be explicitly taught ICT skills using PCs and/or laptops as part of the Australian Curriculum. The iPad is used to enhance and extend learning in creative ways (e.g., creating a podcast, digital storyboarding).

What happens if I decide to "opt out" of eLearning at Ormeau State School?

If families cannot supply an iPad, your child's/children's education will not be disadvantaged; however, their day-to-day learning may differ from peers. Students without iPads will complete tasks using more traditional methods, such as pencil and paper.

Can my child bring a cellular iPad to school?

No. The school cannot monitor student activity or maintain online safety if devices connect to a cellular network. Connection to the Department's network is a condition of our ICT agreement.

Is AppleCare+ insurance recommended?

Yes. AppleCare+ (approximately A\$99 for 2 years) covers two incidents of accidental damage, each subject to a service fee of A\$65. This can be a more cost-effective option than replacing a damaged iPad.

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