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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At Ormeau State School, we are committed to preparing our students for the world they live in now and the one they will step into in the future. As part of this vision, we run a **one-to-one BYOD iPad eLearning program** for students in Years 2–6.

All students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 will require their own iPad for daily learning. These devices are used alongside traditional tools such as pencils, paper and books, allowing us to combine the best of both worlds - hands-on learning with the creative and collaborative opportunities digital technology provides.

Our eLearning program is designed to:

- build creativity, critical thinking and problem-solving skills.
- encourage students to be **active creators** rather than passive consumers of information.
- strengthen technical skills and digital citizenship.

To explore creative ways that our teachers use technology to enhance learning, visit the Apple Education [Learning Centre](#). Our teachers draw on Apple Education's *Everyone Can Create* resources, alongside other innovative planning tools, to purposefully integrate iPads into lessons and engage students in meaningful digital learning experiences.

We partner with **JB Hi-Fi Education** to offer competitive education pricing on iPads and accessories. Orders for **2027** can be made via the JB Hi-Fi portal:

 [JB Hi-Fi Education Portal](#)

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Families are also welcome to purchase devices through other retailers, provided they meet the school's specifications.

eLearning iPad Program Device Requirements 2027

Item	Approximate Cost	Supporting Information
MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS		
Apple iPad: Gen 9, Gen 10 or Gen 11 (A16) Wi-Fi only (no cellular)	Gen 9 (64 GB) from \$280 Gen 10 (64 GB) from \$597 Gen 11 (A16) (128 GB) from \$747	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 . <i>*Please note, Gen 8 iPads will stop receiving major software updates late 2026</i>

Shockproof iPad Case with stand	From \$25	Cases must be heavy duty and cover the whole iPad (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 all 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.

<u>AppleCare+ Insurance</u>	Approx. \$109 (2 years)	Provides expert technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple. Please see Apple website for Terms and Conditions of coverage.
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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 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 \$109 for 2 years) unlimited incidents of accidental damage, each subject to a service fee of \$65 for screen fixes and \$149 for all other damage. This can be a more cost-effective option than replacing a damaged iPad.

For further information about eLearning at Ormeau State School, please visit:

 [Ormeau State School eLearning](#)

Kind regards,

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