



BEENLEIGH STATE HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL MANAGED IPAD PROGRAM FAQS – FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why does my Student need an iPad?

More now than ever, IT is an essential part of education. In a world where IT is an essential skill for all students, no matter their future career path, digital literacies in schools are not only engaging, but an important way to build Students' work readiness for the 21st century.

Will my student need the device everyday?

The iPad will be an integral part of your student's day to day learning. While time spent on the device each day may vary the iPad is an essential tool to support learning and engagement.

Can I provide my child with their own iPad?

Yes, students can use an iPad that they already own as long as it meets the requirements of the school. It must be a 9th generation device or newer with a Bluetooth keyboard and screen protector. This device will not be managed by the school and all apps required by the school will need to be purchased and installed privately. The school is also limited with the level of monitoring and security compared to school managed devices. It is advised that you book a meeting with the school to discuss this before proceeding.

Do I still need to participate in the Student Resource Scheme (SRS)?

Yes, students will continue to use pen and paper for some set tasks and other school equipment for practical activities. Students will also be provided online access to textbooks and other web-based resources.

Can you please explain the finances?

Significant efforts have been made to minimise costs and maximise access to devices to support learning. As the school purchased devices in bulk we were able to keep costs lower whilst providing all the necessary tools for 21st century learning. Allowing students to pay off the device over a period of time minimises the financial impact on families and allows the school to fully manage the hired devices to give families a level of security. If you are having significant financial hardships please make an appointment with the admin team to discuss the matter.

What do other schools do?

Beenleigh State High School differs from other schools in the region who require students to purchase devices outright before commencing the school year. We have done everything possible to minimise the financial burden on families whilst ensuring students still have access to state-of-the-art educational practices.

Why is there a fee for the device at the end?

For the device to continue to be school managed it must be hired out for the duration of the program. This allows the school to install apps, increase levels of security and monitor devices. There is a \$5 buyout fee at the conclusion of the program. This clears the data and transfers ownership of the device to the student to use in a private capacity.

