

#### 2024 Year 4 BYOD-iPad Program

To all our Year 3 families,

At Robina State School we offer a BYOD (bring your own device) program to all year 5 and 6 students and all **Year 4 students in Term 2, 2024**. This is where students use their personally owned mobile device to access the department's information and communication (ICT) network.

Safety and security are of high importance when considering the use of ICT in a school or classroom. To ensure the safety of all students, we have strict guidelines on device specification and usage.

We require all iPads to be managed through our school ICT department. This will entail the device being reset/erased and built here at school before being utilised for the first time. This will not prevent downloading of Apps at home, or access to personal App use on the iPad at home. All previously purchased Apps through your apple ID will be available from the App Store. Personal Apps need to be stored in a separate folder on the iPad after the school Apps. Please be aware if you store bank details and personal passwords on the devices brought to school, we cannot guarantee security in relation to this.

Students will be able to bring their iPad to school ready to be reset and built for use through our school ICT department <u>during the first week of school in 2023</u>. Some iPads may be securely stored overnight to have their build completed.

Please ensure your <u>child's name is clearly marked</u> on the iPad. Students will need to give their iPad and Student Participation Agreement Form to their class teacher, ready for delivery to our ICT department. Students will not be permitted to use their iPad within the classroom until the **Student Participation Agreement Form** has been read through carefully, signed and returned to the IT office.

When sending the iPad to school for the first time to be built, please ensure that you have everything backed up, completed the most recent update on the iPad and logged out of **every** account including Apple ID. Ensure <u>all passwords and passcodes</u> are removed from <u>all</u> areas on your iPad. Then in settings, go to **General** - **Erase all content and settings**.

How to back up your iPad:

https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT203977

How to erase your iPad:

https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201274



## Why BYOD?

This supports the delivery of 21st century learning. Devices in class encourage engagement and allow for differentiation. They assist in providing different content for diverse learning needs and allow our students to collaborate, discuss, work and respond and think critically and creatively. The use of devices assists teachers to cater for a variety of different learners and learning styles. Modern digital devices enable personalised learning by giving learners the responsibility and ownership to choose how they learn, when they learn and where they learn; as well as developing their organisational skills. With greater access to real lifetime information, digital learning resources, educational Apps and collaborative workspaces, students experience higher levels of motivation and engagement in their learning.

Children need be familiar with the technology that is commonplace in our world today. They need to be aware that technology can be a tool and is not a 'treat'. Devices in class are not replacing how we teach, but they enhance pedagogical practices and allow for exciting new learning opportunities to create, design, problem solve and communicate.

### Minimum Device Specifications, 2023

- The current device required is one from the Apple iPad range as it is aligned to staff devices in the classroom. This is also based on the management of school devices through the school's Management Device System.
- iPad with iOS 15 capability or above, and be regularly updated
- All storage versions are supported in the BYO iPad program –a minimum 32GB is recommended
  as any personal Applications and content placed on the device may interfere with the storage
  requirements for school use as the full 32GB of storage may be required by some classes.
- The recommended iPad if you are purchasing new in preparation for 2023 is currently the: iPad 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> generation
- We will also accept iPad 8 and 9<sup>th</sup> Generation. We do not accept iPad mini or any iPads with cracked screens.
- Wi-Fi model only
- Wi-fi compatibility 802.11n minimum or newer e.g. 802.11ac
- It is not compulsory however, we recommend purchasing a good quality case/cover to protect the device and a keyboard for ease of use in the classroom.

This 'Wi-Fi model only' policy has been made to ensure that our school network is not compromised and that students are not able to access an unfiltered internet connection whilst at school. Unfortunately, there is no way to block a cellular connection from iPads with this capability therefore Wi-Fi only models of the iPad are the only supported devices for the **BYO iPad program** and **no sim cards are allowed** in devices at school.



For the safety of your students, we recommend you restrict the following Apps. This is to help combat issues such as cyber bullying, lost learning time and access to age sensitive content.

## Apps restricted on devices at Robina are:

- \* Among Us
- \* Roblox
- \* SnapChat
- \* Facebook
- \* Messenger Kids
- \* Discord
- \* Skype
- \* Twitter
- \* Instagram
- \* WhatsApp
- \* YouTube
- \* Viber
- \* Kik
- \* Tumblr
- \* GroupMe

- \* Monkey
- \* Whisper
- \* Live Me
- \* Houseparty
- \* Hangouts
- \* Wishbone
- \* Tik Tok (formally Musically)
- \* Fortnite (Game)
- \* Vault Apps (these Apps allow for images and docs to be hidden and only accessed with a passcode)
- \* Illegitimate VPN Applications
- \* Any Apps rated 12+ or higher
- \* Any Apps with an online chat or messaging function

Due to constant app improvements, the **eSafety Commissioner**: **eSaftey Guide** is continuously being updated. Please visit the website below to learn more about the latest games, apps and social media, including how to protect your information.

### https://www.esafety.gov.au/key-issues/esafety-guide

Most Apps listed above are types of social media Apps that allow students to message and share images or files. Checks on students' iPads are conducted to ensure restricted Apps are not on the device.

All of the Apps chosen for use at school will compliment teachers' pedagogical practices in the delivery of the Australian curriculum and will be loaded onto your child's iPad after the reset.

To ensure the safety of our students, all students and parents are required to sign a <u>Student Participation</u> <u>Agreement</u> form which outlines the expectations and rules that need to be followed when using personal devices at school. These will be sent home when your child's iPad has been reset and built.

For further information and explanation about how the BYOD program works in the classroom and how it will benefit your child's learning, please view the presentation accessed via SKOOLBAG, or you can also contact the Head of Curriculum, Kim Maynard, at <a href="mayn6@eq.edu.au">kmayn6@eq.edu.au</a> if you have any further questions.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards, Year 4 Teaching Team



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