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iPads 2018 Years 3 - 6

In 2018 the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program will include students in Year Three. The iPad is a tool for learning that can support students to develop and consolidate new learning. These will be used as the primary ICT tool for students in years 3 - 6.

Please be aware that student iPads will be stored in a locked filing cabinet for security purposes. Students will be responsible for ensuring their iPad is brought to school fully charged and is placed in the cabinet in the mornings and collected at the end of the day. This will form part of the code of conduct to be signed in 2018

In addition, there will be a few school based apps that the students will be required to have.

At St Joseph's the iPads are used in a variety of ways including:

- To research information using apps and the internet;
- To present work in a range of ways (documents, keynote, movies);
- To share work instantly with groups of students through the television and Apple TV set up;
- To communicate and share work with teachers;
- To have access to online learning platforms such as Google apps;
- To consolidate learning through the use of apps;
- To practise safe use of technology;
- To broaden their understanding of the use of technology.

The use of iPads in the Village has had a positive impact on the students learning outcomes. We have found students to be engaged when using Technology and understand that, as educators, we need to embrace it and use it creatively. We intend to provide your child with many opportunities to learn using a variety of tools (hands on materials, written work, mental processes) and the iPad is another tool that students can use to learn.

We are inviting families to supply an iPad/tablet device for their child to use whilst at school. We understand that this can be a big commitment to take on.

It is entirely up to you to decide which iPad is right for your child. The school runs on a Mac server, therefore iPads tend to work better on this system, however we do our best to ensure that all devices are able to be used. There are a few options and whilst recommendations are made in this letter you are able to choose the type of iPad/tablet that will suit your needs. Given the expense of buying an iPad we have endeavoured to keep the costs low for your child's book list and let's not forget that the iPad will be used in the coming years as well.

The information given may be overwhelming. Please take your time to review it and then keep it for future reference.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.

"It takes the whole village to educate the child."