

Como Primary School

Year 4-6 BYOD Program 2019

Why iPads for primary school students?

The iPad is an excellent tool for personalising learning and accessing contemporary resources to support student learning through an engaging and familiar medium. The iPad has an ever increasing number of intuitive applications of high quality which are ideally suited to students, that cater to a wide range of learning abilities and styles.

iPads in the classroom:

- Enhance student learning in literacy and numeracy;
- Expand teachers' methods of practice; and
- Facilitate the development of creative approaches to teaching and learning

Como Primary School is offering our 2019 Year 4 students and teachers the opportunity to integrate innovative technology into classroom practice to enhance student engagement, knowledge and motivation.

Options:

1. Bring an iPad that you already own- please consider personal items such as photos/apps that you may wish to remove before you send it to school with your child.
2. Purchase a new iPad.
3. Lease an iPad

Specifications

We recommend the iPad 32G Wifi. These can be purchased from a variety of recommended Apple resellers. Currently, a brand new iPad 32G can be purchased through Winthrop Australia for \$411. If your family already has an iPad purchased within the last two years and you would like to send this to school with your child, you do not need to purchase a new device.

Device Requirements

To ensure compatibility with the school system & classroom needs, we recommend the following preferred devices:

- iPad
- iPad Mini 4
- iPad Pro

The iPad **must be purchased within the last two years** to ensure longevity and suitability for classroom use. You can visit this website to compare iPad Models: <http://www.apple.com/au/ipad/compare/>.

Required Accessories

- Headphones
- Keyboard
- Protective casing

When you purchase your iPad you will should consider the following:

Your iPad must be fitted with a **protective case**, front and back. Keep in mind the students will be using

them to take photos and videos so ensure the cover can be held or moved to allow easy access. We also recommend a sturdy keyboard is purchased for use with the iPad.

Purchasing

Como Primary School has partnered with a private company, Winthrop Australia, to provide iPads at a discount price to the parent community. Parents are not required to purchase their devices from Winthrop Australia, but doing so does offer the following benefits:

- discounted education pricing;
- optional two years AppleCare+ extended warranty;
- optional two years of insurance;
- service and insurance support;
- free shipping to your home address.

Some parents may wish to purchase iPads as a Christmas present for their child before their child transitions to the new year level. Families wishing to take up this option may place an order online with Winthrop Australia. <https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/como>

Please note that parents may also choose to purchase their device elsewhere. We don't mind where the device is purchased from, but we do recommend that you carefully consider the optional extras and insurances you will need to arrange on top of the device purchase.

Insurance:

Your iPad is **NOT covered by the Como Primary School or Department of Education Insurance policy**. You will need to check with your home and/or contents insurer to see if your existing cover extends to an iPad being brought to school by your child. Some insurers will ask you to take out personal valuables insurance at no extra cost to your home and contents insurance while others will ask for a fee. Check your personal insurance company for details.

Security- Before, after and during school

The security of the iPad and its use is the responsibility of the parent/carer/child outside of school hours.

Students are not allowed to remove iPads from classrooms during lunch or recess. Whenever the room is vacated the classes will be locked.

Damages

iPads brought to school are not covered by Como Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance.

If the iPad is damaged at school, it is the parents' responsibility to pay the insurance excess.

- **Damage in transit**

All iPads will require a protective case or sleeve when being transported. This will be an additional cost but is well worth the outlay as it is the best form of insurance for iPads and will often protect the device from impacts and accidents, especially when these sleeve-type cases are also inside a school bag.

- **Damage at school**

All devices are monitored by teachers at school and rules are in place to prevent foreseeable problems and damage. However, from time to time, accidents may occur. The school culture and values at Como PS should eliminate intentional damage to iPads but your insurance is your back up should damage be caused. Necessary behaviour consequences will apply. **See attached Student Participation Agreement.**

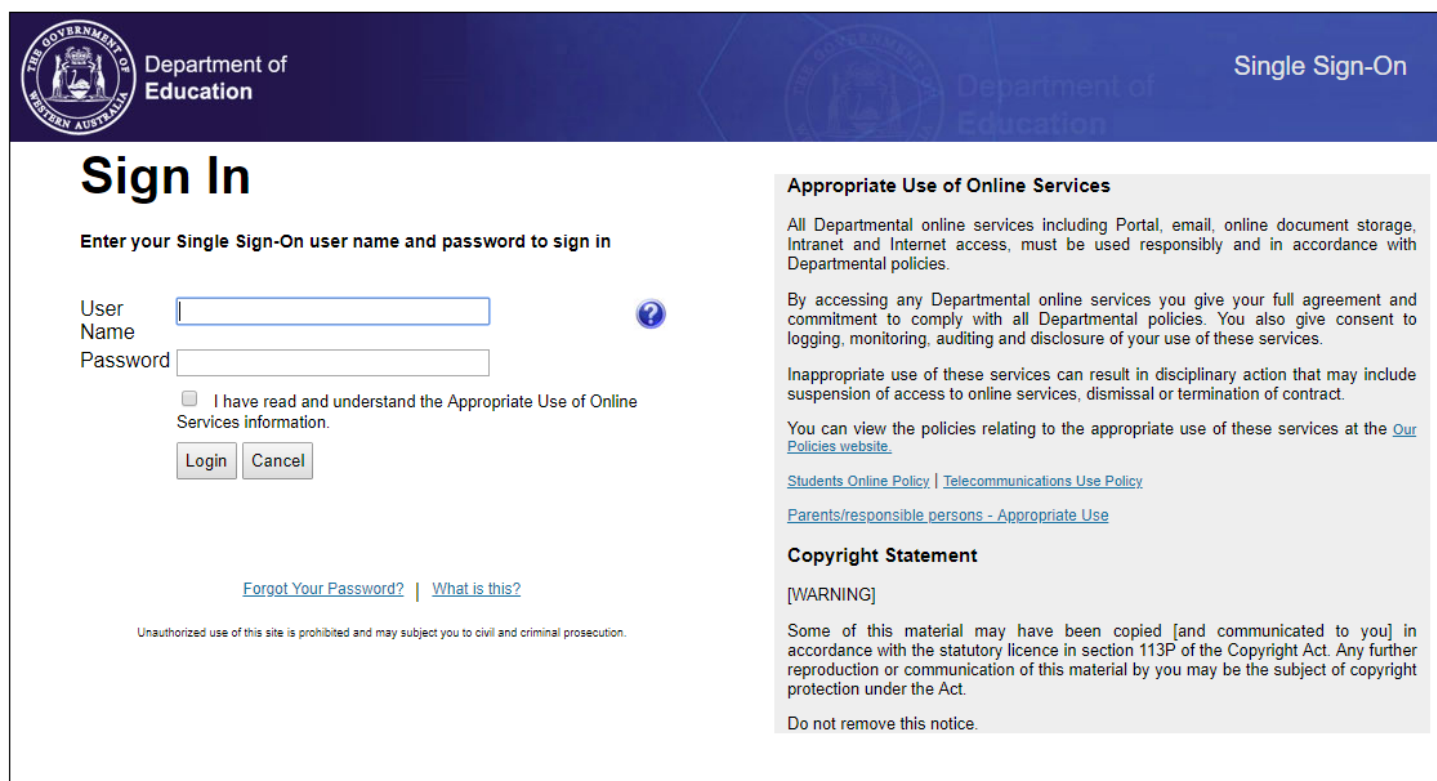
Conditions and specifics of use of mobile learning devices:

- **Charging Batteries**

iPads brought to school will need to be fully charged. The power supply will not be required to be brought to school. Testing has been conducted and normal class use of these models will see the battery lasting all day if charged before school. Switching off Bluetooth and GPS functions will also prolong the life of the battery.

- **Internet Access**

If you purchase a 4G-enabled iPad the **sim card must be removed** before coming to school to allow the school security protection filters to work effectively. Student work will be uploaded to school Connect for sharing purposes when required. While at school, students will use their Department of Education account details to access the school internet and digital resources. The following agreement is adhered to whenever accessing the online portal.



The screenshot shows the 'Single Sign-On' login page for the Department of Education. The header includes the Department of Education logo and the text 'Single Sign-On'. The main heading is 'Sign In'. Below it, a prompt says 'Enter your Single Sign-On user name and password to sign in'. There are input fields for 'User Name' and 'Password'. A checkbox labeled 'I have read and understand the Appropriate Use of Online Services information.' is present, with 'Login' and 'Cancel' buttons below it. To the right, there is a section titled 'Appropriate Use of Online Services' containing text about responsible use of online services and links to policies. Below this is a 'Copyright Statement' with a warning about copyright. At the bottom left, there are links for 'Forgot Your Password?' and 'What is this?'. A small disclaimer at the very bottom states: 'Unauthorized use of this site is prohibited and may subject you to civil and criminal prosecution.'

Sign In

Enter your Single Sign-On user name and password to sign in

User Name

Password

☐ I have read and understand the Appropriate Use of Online Services information.

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Appropriate Use of Online Services

All Departmental online services including Portal, email, online document storage, Intranet and Internet access, must be used responsibly and in accordance with Departmental policies.

By accessing any Departmental online services you give your full agreement and commitment to comply with all Departmental policies. You also give consent to logging, monitoring, auditing and disclosure of your use of these services.

Inappropriate use of these services can result in disciplinary action that may include suspension of access to online services, dismissal or termination of contract.

You can view the policies relating to the appropriate use of these services at the [Our Policies website](#).

[Students Online Policy](#) | [Telecommunications Use Policy](#)

[Parents/responsible persons - Appropriate Use](#)

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Applications

You will be required to install apps on your child's iPad at home in order for them to participate fully in the BYOD Program. A list of apps, which need to be installed on all iPads, will be provided to you. The majority of these apps are free. The remainder of the apps are a few dollars each and parents should expect to pay a total of approximately \$15 for all of the recommended apps. Teacher's may request new apps be installed throughout the year. This will be communicated to parents via a notice on Connect.

Como Primary School staff will not install apps on your child's iPads. Software updates will also be done at home. If you are purchasing your child's iPad before the school year you may wish to install the apps and take some time to become familiar with them.

Homework

All homework that will be given to students that is dependent on the device is recorded in the student diaries. Students have access through their personal login details to the following school supported online programs:

Reading Eggs (supporting literacy skills); Mathletics (supporting numeracy); Languagenut (supporting French).

At all times, we advise that parents closely monitor their child's use of the internet. No homework involving iPad apps or involving social media/collaborative online projects will ever be given to our students.

Literacy and Numeracy

Literacy and Numeracy are the top priorities for our school. The BYOD program has been introduced to enhance and extend these skills. Studies have shown the best way to master a new skill is to practise. The use of iPads in the classroom setting offers new and engaging ways for the students to practise a wide range of skills identified in the Western Australian Curriculum.

Sharing

It is important the child whose parents have purchased an iPad is the primary user of the device. Sharing of the devices will only occur when there is no disadvantage to its owner. The social skill of sharing is important at our school and for parents to develop within their children and this will occur where appropriate. Personal insurance cover is recommended.

Online Safety

The federal government's Cybersmart website is <https://esafety.gov.au> This site provides up to date information for parents, teachers and children concerning child online safety. Our health program also focuses on Cyber Safety, using resources from Common Sense Media.

Social Media & Privacy

As per Department of Education (DoEWA) guidelines, Internet and Online Services provided to students will primarily be used for learning related activities and require informed parental consent, user agreements and appropriate management. DoEWA provides online services to students in public schools for learning related activities and strives to protect students from exposure to inappropriate online material and activities. Students engage in learning about ethical and safe use through online platforms. Lessons are consciously planned and implemented to enhance development of ICT skills and Digital Technologies understanding, in order to prepare them for an ever changing social, higher-education environment and future workforce. We encourage students and teachers to safely and ethically access the internet and email, use organisational tools and engage with resources to innovate and transform their teaching and learning.

Privacy

Staff, parents/carers and the community need to encourage students to be aware of the risks associated with some online activities and how to adopt protective online behaviours to protect them from exposure to inappropriate online material or activities, suggestions being:

- Keeping personal details private by using a nickname instead of a real name and always asking parents before giving out name, address or phone number online.
- Keeping usernames and passwords private.
- Mindfully posting online and being positively constructive in response to others. Once posted, a message can be difficult to remove.

Social Media

The youngest age requirement for a social network is 13 years of age, some are even older. Most social media sites set minimum age requirements.

With all of the above in mind, we have made a decision to ban all social network/social media/ chat room-type apps from devices that will be used for learning at Como PS. We understand that some parents have used their parental discretion to allow their child to participate in social media at home, however at CPS this will not be permitted.

Devices that are brought to school for learning must not have the following apps:

- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Snapchat
- WhatsApp
- Secret
- Pinterest
- Tumblr
- Reddit
- LinkedIn
- Vine
- WeChat
- Kik
- Musical.ly
- Quip

There are many more social networking sites and gaming applications that allow access to anonymous chat groups, so we ask that you are aware of the sites/apps students are accessing at home. Please understand that these measures are in place to protect the students at Como PS. If your child is in the Year 4-6 Bring Your Own Device Program please ensure that these apps are deleted from your child's device that they bring to school. If found on devices at school, we will exercise our right to report prohibited accounts.

Parents are encouraged to download iPad monitoring apps such as Curbi or utilize Parental Control Settings within the iPad to enforce clear restrictions at home. Students should refrain from screens 1 hour before bed time.

Please be aware that students accessing messages and other messaging apps without the supervision of an adult can lead to inappropriate behaviour. Please ensure you regularly discuss safe usage of messaging apps with your child and regularly check their iPads for appropriate use. Como Primary School strongly advises against Year Group Chats on messaging services and we ask for parental support in this matter.