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Dear parents and carers

## **ONE-TO-ONE IPAD PROGRAM: UPDATE**

The start of our school's one-to-one iPad program is now only six weeks away. This letter is to inform you of some exciting developments and to describe what you need to do now to ensure that your child is ready when the program starts on 27 April.

### **All apps to be funded by the school**

I am pleased to announce that the school will fully fund all of the apps required for the program. This decision will save parents up to \$100 on the initial cost estimate for the program.

This funding forms part of an \$80 000 investment in technology by the school in 2016. It is only possible because of the generous commitment of so many Year Four parents who are providing devices for their children.

### **Program Launch**

At the next school assembly (9 am, Wednesday 16 March), we will announce the winner of a competition to develop a name and logo for our one-to-one program. Our Year Four students have shown great creativity; I am sure that you will just love the winning entry!

### **Film Crew**

The Department of Education is filming a half-hour documentary highlighting best practice in literacy and numeracy education. I am pleased to advise that our school will be included in this documentary, with a focus on our outstanding use of technology in education.

Early next term, a professional film crew will record a literacy lesson in Miss Cuerden's class. This footage will then be shared with public schools throughout the state. We are extremely proud of our teachers and are excited to share the positive things that are happening at YBPS.

### **Digital Citizenship**

Students in Year Four are busy learning about digital citizenship and cybersafety. This is an important part of their preparation for the one-to-one iPad program.

During Term Two, the school will also run a series of parent workshops describing practical steps that parents can take to ensure that their children use their iPads safely and responsibly.

## **Parent Committee**

The decision to implement a one-to-one device program was made by a parent steering committee after a survey of the school community indicated strong support. The next meeting of this committee will be held at 3:15 pm on Tuesday 5 April. All interested members of the school community are welcome to attend and participate.

## **Device Ordering**

Many Year Four parents have already ordered an iPad for their child. However, if you have not done so, it is not too late. The easiest way to place an order is to visit Winthrop Australia's online ordering portal at [portal.winaust.com.au/a/ybps](http://portal.winaust.com.au/a/ybps) or, alternatively, you can call Winthrop Australia on (08) 6488 2777.

Some families may have an existing iPad that they would like their child to use, or might plan to obtain a device from a different supplier. If so, a list of approved devices is attached. We strongly recommend purchasing insurance cover and the AppleCare Plus extended warranty to minimize the risk of any unexpected problems during the life of your device.

## **School-owned devices**

Yanchep Beach Primary has a limited number of devices available for use by students whose parents are not in a position to fund an iPad in 2016. If you would like for your child to use one of these devices, please contact me by email at [paul.fuller@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:paul.fuller@education.wa.edu.au) or by phone on (08) 9561 6080.

## **Wireless Distribution of Apps**

It is important that all devices are running the latest version of Apple's iOS operating system. This will enable the school to wirelessly send apps and other learning materials direct to the children's devices. (Please note that we will begin with a small number of apps and gradually increase the number available as part of a structured learning program).

## **More information**

A great deal of information about the one-to-one program can be found at our school website at ([www.ybps.wa.edu.au](http://www.ybps.wa.edu.au)) in the section marked "ICT" under "Learning at YBPS". Alternatively, please feel free to contact me to discuss any queries in person.

Thank you again for your support of this program. I am excited about the opportunities that, together, we are providing for our 2016 Year Four students.

Yours sincerely,



Paul Fuller  
ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL

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## **One-to-One iPad Program: Technical Specifications**

### **Selected Device**

Teachers at Yanchep Beach have expressed a strong preference for the Apple iPad as the nominated device for our program. Teachers emphasised that the benefits of using technology are greatest when every child is using the same device.

*The steering committee has therefore recommended the purchase of an iPad Air (model 1 or 2) with a minimum storage of 16GB.*

Note: This storage capacity will be sufficient for school use. However, parents may wish to increase this storage capacity to allow for games, videos and music to be installed on the device. A minimum of 32 GB is recommended if families wish to use their iPads for non- school purposes.

### **Other Devices**

The Committee also developed a list of other devices that would be acceptable for use in the program. The following is a list of approved devices:

- iPad Air
- iPad Air 2
- iPad Pro
- iPad Mini 2
- iPad Mini 3
- iPad Mini 4

In determining this list, the Committee selected only those devices that were likely to provide acceptable performance for the entirety of the program (i.e. into 2018). Essentially, this list represents iPad models released after November 2013.

### **Refurbished iPads**

It may be possible to purchase a refurbished iPad that is suitable for the program. These are available from [www.apple.com/au/shop/browse/home/specialdeals/ipad](http://www.apple.com/au/shop/browse/home/specialdeals/ipad) at a reduced price.