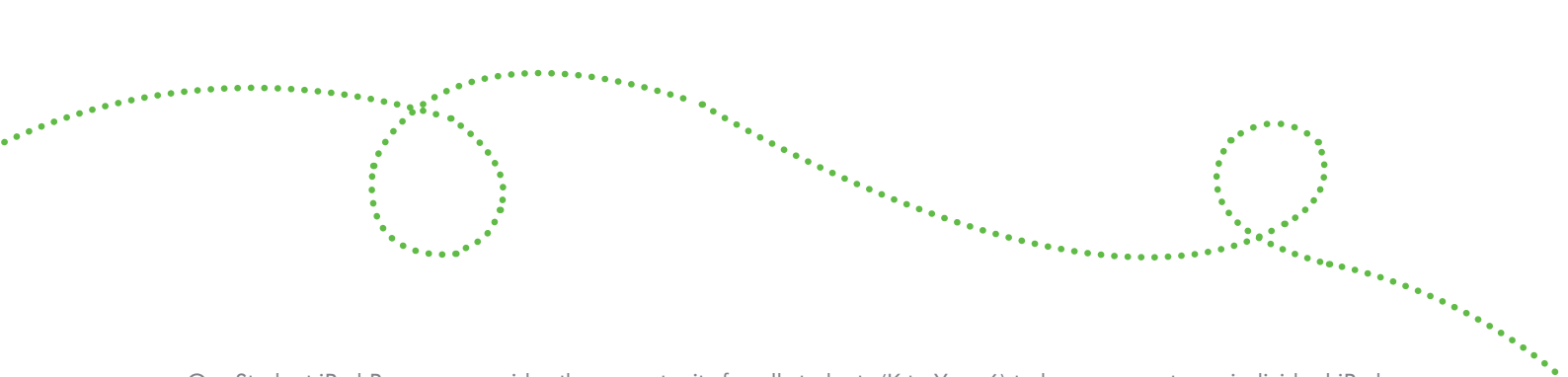


# STUDENT IPAD PROGRAM

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Our Student iPad Program provides the opportunity for all students (K to Year 6) to have access to an individual iPad at school.

The iPads are leased by Claremont College and replaced every 2 or 3 years.

The iPad will be used by your child to support their learning in new and exciting ways, allowing teachers to plan and provide rich and powerful opportunities to enhance student academic growth and progress. We believe that a 1:1 program has many educational and practical benefits. These include;

- Greater opportunity to embrace the expectations of current syllabus and curriculum requirements
- Allow students to have greater ownership and control of their learning, work, interests, creativity and talents
- Provide students with opportunities for connection and collaboration with other communities of learners around the world
- Grow in digital fluency, safety, responsibility, respect and citizenship
- Use technology to share their learning, achievements and school experiences with parents and other family members

This program is funded via the Technology Levy that is paid by parents each term.

Claremont College commits considerable investment and annual budgetary allocation to technology related expenses. Our internet bandwidth was recently upgraded to a super high-speed capability comparative to that found in universities and corporate offices. In 2018 our school wifi infrastructure has been further improved to maximise band-width and speed to enable all students and staff to use their devices and other computers without the internet slowing or stopping – this being a constant frustration in many schools.

Backed by the expertise of the Anglican Schools Corporation IT Support Team, Claremont College also employs a highly qualified IT technician who works at school 5 days a week to support teachers, administration staff, students and parents.

As with the many new initiatives we have implemented over recent years, we have seen that this program certainly assists every child to flourish in his or her learning and to receive the very best of educational opportunities during their time at Claremont College.



# SOME KEY POINTS

- Each student from Kindergarten to Year 6 will have access to an iPad to use in all subjects and all areas of their learning
- One specific device will be allocated to each student and this will be replaced every 2 or 3 years (depending on the grade).
- The iPad is regarded as a tool which enhances and creates opportunities for learning
- iPads are used differently at school than at home
- iPads do not replace bookwork or the need for children to learn handwriting
- iPads will not replace the high expectations and standards we place on students producing their very best, high quality work
- We closely monitor student 'screen time'. We estimate that students currently access and use their ipads for 25-30% of the school day.
- iPads are the property of Claremont College
- iPads will be updated regularly by Claremont College. The school has invested in having the support technology that 'pushes out' new apps and updates to a large number of devices at once
- Claremont College works closely with the Apple Australia Education team, receiving ongoing support, advice and expertise
- iPads will not need to be taken home and used for homework, unless special permission is given for specific tasks and purposes
- Access to inappropriate content is filtered using behind the scenes network security
- Students and parents will be asked to sign a 'Acceptable Use of Technology Guidelines' contract which places emphasis on children taking personal responsibility for the care and respectful use of their device. This document will be sent to all parents early in Term 1.

# INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

In addition to the regular opportunities that parents have to speak with their child's teacher, a number of Parent Information Sessions and workshops have been planned for 2018. Some of these include;

- The Annual Parent Teacher Information Evening  
**7th February, 6:00pm**
- Co-Teaching and Learning Spaces @ Claremont College – What does this mean for your Child?  
**21st February, 6:45pm -7:30pm**
- The Bonsai Child - Helping your child become confident and capable.  
Special Guest presenter Judith Locke  
**1st March**
- 'Tech Help' - Our friendly IT 'HelpDesk' is happy to help parents should they need some assistance.  
Contact our IT Manager:  
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