

2018 Bring Your Own iPad (BYO) Program



1. What iPads are the students allowed to bring to the BYO iPad program?

The school has researched the pros and cons of the different Apple iPad devices available and have determined that the older devices are less supported. They also run the risk of not being able to run the required applications as updates occur. The school has a minimum specification of an iPad 4th Gen or later (described as an iPad with Retina). For further information refer to the minimum iPad specifications on the school website.

2. Will there be additional requirements?

There will be a requirement for specific applications to be installed on the device before school starts. A list of these applications can be found on the school website. The website has definitive guides on how to setup and configure the iPad for the school. It is advised that students refer to these documents when getting their iPad ready for school use.

3. Do the students need to do anything to make the iPad work at the school?

Yes. There are a number of guides that step a student through setting up their iPad ready for school. You can find these guides on the school website.

4. Will it impact the students existing pictures/documents or data?

No. The concept behind using your own personal device within the school is that you share it with your home-life. It will not impact your currently installed apps and user data. There are guides to step a student through this setup procedure. Refer to the school website for more information.

5. How can a student access the school network and Internet?

The school has created guides that will step a student through connecting to the school network and will show how to access the schools data. (G Drive and H Drive). These can be found on the school website.

6. Can a student bring an Android device?

No. An android device does not meet the requirements for Albany Creek State High School.

7. Can a student bring an iPhone or iPod device?

No. An iPhone or iPod do not meet the minimum screen size requirements for Albany Creek State High School BYO iPad program.

8. Can a student bring a Surface or Surface Pro device to the program?

No. A Surface or Surface Pro does not meet the teaching and learning requirements of the Albany Creek State High School iPad Program.

9. I am not familiar with the Apple iPad, will there be training?

There will be some training given to staff members so that they are able to advise the students on the use of their devices. The students will have access to the iPad portal which has numerous guides and as the year progresses more guides will be made available.

10. Who is responsible for any damage occurring to an iPad?

As a parent/carer owned device parents/carers are responsible for any damage to the iPad. Parents/carers are advised to check their insurance policies to ensure that the iPad is covered while at school and while being transported by students between home and school. Parents/carers are also advised to discuss with their children the proper care of the device.

Parents/carers are advised to purchase a quality carry case for the iPad. A combination protective case and keyboard will increase the usability of the iPad at school.

Where there has been deliberate damage to an iPad by another student the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan will be used to determine consequences for the students involved in any such incident. Parents/carers of students involved in any such incident will be put in touch with each other in order for them to determine appropriate remediation.

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Principal's Welcome

The rapid development of information technology over the past few decades has opened up a range of new opportunities for students and schools. While literacy and numeracy continue to be a focal point within our school's curriculum, technology is transforming the ways in which our students and teachers interact with learning and knowledge. At Albany Creek State High School, the Bring Your Own iPad Program in Years 7, 8 and 9 provides the benefits of recent technological advances to classroom learning.

Our school has fully implemented the Bring Your Own iPad program whereby families purchase technology that they own and are responsible for. This has proven to be more cost effective for the school and community. The BYO iPad program allows families some flexibility in budgeting, as there are a range of suitable options within the iPad product range. To ensure that technology is more of a help than a hindrance to learning, technical support is still offered through the school to support students connectivity to the network and associated online services.

A number of digital resources are forming part of a toolkit used by the school to enhance learning. These include the JacPack collection of digital texts which is available via the school through the student resource scheme. In addition to this, selected apps facilitate students collaborative and flexible learning opportunities. This list is kept to a minimum to ensure that the cost of the program does not become unmanageable or unsustainable.

With any new technology, there is a need for us all to accept that each of us bears responsibilities for its proper and correct use. Students joining the program will be made aware of their responsibilities in terms of acceptable use as well as guidelines for the safety and care associated with their devices. We ask that families work with us to ensure that students understand their responsibilities and comply with the guidelines that are set as part of the program.

Given that our students will be living and working in a future where information technology is woven into nearly every aspect of life, Albany Creek State High School is committed to providing platforms that allow students to access text, images, video, and other interactive media both at home and in the classroom. This ability to gather information and knowledge on demand is an essential to being part of a workforce that is flexible, innovative and resilient. In addition to this, the opportunities for collaboration provide students with new ways of working together to share knowledge and skills as part of their everyday classroom experience.

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Changes to Technology and Learning

Our BYO iPad program is designed to further enhance our curriculum by enabling teachers to modify and redefine learning activities. Albany Creek State High School has significantly invested in our teachers' professional learning as part of our iPad Program. Accordingly our teachers are in a strong position to take their learnings and experiences from using iPads to further develop student learning.

Apps

A full list of apps for each year level is published on the school website. All of the published apps should be loaded on your child's BYO iPad at the beginning of the school year. The Albany Creek State High School 'Apps List' is updated in Term 4.

It is recommended that two x \$20 iTunes cards are purchased to buy the recommended apps for 2018.

Parents Financial Commitment

The basic requirements for the program are as follows.

iPad 32 GB	\$469 (Full retail price @ 18/05/2017)
Jacaranda Pack	\$100 per year (included in the Student Resource Scheme Fee)
School Apps	\$40 per year for Year 7

Parents/guardians own the iPad and apps at the end of the BYO iPad program.

Parents/guardians may at their discretion purchase higher end iPad devices with larger screens and storage and accessories such as click on keyboards and covers. The above is the minimum financial commitment required for the program. iPads and accessories can be purchased from the retailer of your choice.

The Jacaranda Pack (Jac Pack)

Albany Creek State High School uses the Jacaranda Digital bundle as the textbook solution for our Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students. Refer to Student Resource Scheme costs for further information.

Important Steps to join the Albany Creek State High School BYO iPad Program

Step 1 Purchase a suitable iPad (if you don't already own one).

Step 2 If you haven't already got an iTunes account you will need to set one up. After setting up an iTunes account download the apps on the Albany Creek State High School apps list to your iPad device. The cost of the extra apps has been contained to \$40 per year. Parents are advised to buy two x \$20 iTunes card to purchase the paid apps from the Albany Creek State High School apps list.

Step 3 Download and read the Albany Creek State High School Policy and Procedures documents and return a signed "Bring your own iPad (BYO iPad) User Agreement" by the 12/02/18.

Important Notice about the Jacaranda Pack

The Jacaranda Pack (Digital Textbook Bundle) is now incorporated into the Albany Creek State High School Student Resource Scheme. The Student Resource Scheme fee has been increased accordingly. Please refer to the Student Resource Scheme for further information. Students will be instructed on how to access and use Jacaranda Digital textbooks at the beginning of the school year.

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Device Requirement

Preferred iPad Model



iPad 128GB



iPad 32GB

Acceptable iPad Model



iPad with Retina 16GB



iPad Mini 16GB

Unacceptable Devices



iPad older than 4th Generation



iPhone or iPod



Any Surface or Android Tablet



Any laptop

Recommended Accessory



Life-proof case - Strongly recommended



Apple Case - Not recommended for the school environment