



# St Munchin's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parent / Carer,

After much consideration and consultation, in 2021 St Munchin's is intending to commence a One-to-One iPad Programme for students from Years Four to Year Six. The best procedure for this to occur is through a three year leasing/purchase plan, commencing in Year Four. This will result in student (parent/guardian) ownership of the device at the end of Year Six.

I am writing to parents of Year Four students to outline the process for iPad orders for the 2021 school year. Please note the following important points:

- All students entering into Year Four in 2021 need to purchase the iPad Package, which is outlined in this letter;
- The iPad cost is additional to normal school fees. This cost will be \$305 per year and will be listed separately on the Year Four account and subsequently on your child's Year Five and Year Six account.
- **In 2021, the first year of St Munchin's commitment to the iPad programme, and in light of the impact that Covid 19 has had on the school community, St Munchin's will cover the cost of the \$305 fee. In 2021, the fee of \$305 will not be added to the Year Four account.**
- The ordering is done by the school;
- This programme is a complete package, not just a device. It will enable us to utilize these devices with the students whilst maintaining safe and appropriate use.
- A parental supervision App. will be available for all parents/carers. More information will follow in Term One.

The package represents very good value and includes:

- Apple 10.2-Inch Ipad Wi-Fi 128GB- Space Grey
- Griffen Survivor All-Terrain Cover - Black
- Apple AppleCare+ Extended Warranty
- Insurance for 3Yr Theft and Loss for iPad 128 GB \$100 Excess
- Logitech Crayon Stylus

## **AppleCare+ Warranty for iPad**

AppleCare+ Warranty for iPad provides up to two years of expert telephone technical support and additional hardware coverage from Apple, including up to two incidents of accidental damage coverage, each subject to a A\$65 service fee. AppleCare+ benefits are in addition to any legal rights provided by consumer protection laws.

## **Protecsure Insurance for iPad**

Full theft when in a secure location | Lost in public transit | Stolen from a locked vehicle | Coverage anywhere in Australia | Overseas trips up to 28 days | Covers up to the original purchase value of the equipment | One free reinstatement. All claims will incur a \$100 excess payment.

## **Device ownership**

St Munchin's Catholic Primary School is the temporary owner of the iPad while the student is enrolled in Years 4-6. (See FAQ's)



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## The following points need to be stressed:

1. St Munchin's Catholic Primary School has temporary ownership of the iPad until the end of the Programme, at which point the ownership transfers to the Parent or Guardian who purchased the iPad. (See FAQ's) At This time, management software will be removed permanently from the device and **cannot be reinstalled**;
2. It is compulsory to purchase the iPad through the three year plan in order to install our management software. **We cannot install our management software on iPads purchased outside of the school purchase (See FAQ s)**
3. Winthrop Australia provides the iPad, which is delivered to St Munchin's Catholic Primary School to be made ready for students starting in Term One 2021;
4. If you are experiencing any financial issues, please contact the Principal if the need arises.

Regards,

Rob Romeo  
Principal

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)



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## *Why does St Munchin's have temporary ownership?*

We need to temporarily own the device to have the management profile installed. It is a one-time only install that Apple provides. If we do not have temporary ownership of the device, we are not allowed to have that level of control over it and ensure that students cannot work around the management features.

## *What happens at the end of the programme?*

On the student's completion of Year Six, the device ownership transfers to his/her parent or guardian. Once removed, the management profile **CANNOT** be put back on.

## *What is the management profile?*

Apple have recently introduced a Device Enrolment Program (DEP) that they can install on an iPad at a hardware level. DEP enables St Munchin's to install management software to control the devices, it also ensures that the management software cannot be removed.

This management software allows us to manage a student's use of the device. This has been a major concern of parents and teachers. Without management, students may wander off task, or access non-authorised sites. With management, students can be locked into the assigned educational App. and their screens can be monitored to ensure that they remain engaged appropriately. The management software also allows parents to have a similar control over the iPad outside of school. Using the management software, the school will also be able to purchase volume licences and automatically distribute them to the student iPads.

## *What are my payment options?*

- As the cost of the package is included with school fees, the same payment options will apply. Your account may be settled using cash, cheque or eftpos at the school office. You can use direct debit or Bpay. Payments can be split over three terms to have the account finalised by the end of Term Three.

## *What are the benefits and reasons for the programme?*

There are several points to be made here.

- Educationally - the benefits are well documented. However, the desire at St Munchin's is to use technology to improve learning outcomes, through the multitude of educational Apps available;
- Flexibility - by purchasing an iPad, an individual is able to use the iPad at home and school. Students would be required to use it at school, while maintaining the ability to use it at home for both school work and personal use. iPads are easy to transport, so these can be moved to different learning areas. The iPad also affords the best opportunity to learn both office suites, Microsoft Office 365- the preferred software for most Catholic High Schools and the Apple software suite. Through the management software we will have better control over the device use, and can keep students on task when needed. Parents and guardians will also have access to the management App. to manage the iPads after hours;
- Responsibility - the responsibility for caring for the iPad is essential. Whilst the iPad is temporarily owned by St Munchin's during the programme, we expect students to care and look after the device;
- Ownership - The iPads are temporarily owned by St Munchin's during the programme, after which the management software is removed and ownership is transferred to the parent or guardian who purchased the iPad. There is an excess or service fee for damage not covered by warranty.

## *Is the programme mandatory?*

In 2021 all existing students in Year Four are required to take part in the iPad programme as part of their



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fee structure. Like school fees, the iPad Package is required for enrolment. Please note however, that due to the implications of Covid19, there will be no charge for the iPad programme to Year Four students in 2021.

## *When and where do the students use the iPad?*

Students would be required to bring the iPad to school every school day, unless instructed otherwise by the class teacher (e.g. sports carnivals, excursions, etc. that would not require use). Students take the iPads home every night to use for homework and personal use. It is expected that ICT proficiency will improve dramatically as a result. This is a benefit to the students' future job prospects.

## *Why iPads and not any other device or laptop?*

As discussed above, Apple have introduced a lockdown profile. This profile enables St Munchin's to control the devices and ensures that the management profile cannot be removed. Our biggest challenge is keeping students on task when using devices. The management software will aid our teachers with this, as well provide the students with access to a multitude of educational apps and programmes. iPads already work in many schools in Western Australia and within our network already. They have been introduced around the world in educational environments for a number of reasons including the following;

- Ready to use, no moving to ICT labs;
- Long battery life;
- Management and visibility in class through the Class room App.;
- Mobility and form factor which facilitates easy transport and minimal impact on desks;
- Minimal Software issues and repairs, including viruses and maintenance;
- Cost effective tool which facilitates learning, rather than high cost device.

Below is a link from Apple, which provides a review of iPads in education from around the world.

<https://www.apple.com/au/education/docs/ipad-in-education-results.pdf>

## *What happens if my child already owns an iPad?*

For us to have the management software installed, the device needs to be purchased within the St Munchin's bulk purchase. **No other devices will be accepted.**

## *What about multiple child families (e.g. twins, etc)?*

The programme is designed for all students in Year Four including multiple child families. Every student needs their own iPad.

## *What about cases of hardship?*

For any parents struggling to meet costs, please contact the Principal (08) 92347555 in order to discuss the problem, as a solution may be available.

## *How do I order the package?*



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The school will order the devices and have them ready for distribution as soon as possible, hopefully February 1st, for the start of the 2021 school year.

*What happens if a student leaves the school before the end of Year Six?*

Should a student leave the school partway through the three year leasing programme, there will be an option to return the device to the school, or buy out the remaining balance. We will collect the device and once it has been re-configured, it will be returned and become the parent or guardian's property. The Applecare+ Warranty and all insurance components will be continue as before.