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Year 5 & 6 BYOD iPad Program

2025

We have now been running our Year 5 and 6 BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) iPad Program for over 10 years, with great success. We have found the iPad to be an extremely portable and powerful teaching and learning tool. It can be transported to and from school in a backpack and stored easily without taking up much classroom space. The iPad has excellent technical specifications such as: a battery life that will last a whole day of use, a fast and smooth operating system, built in camera, Bluetooth, speakers, microphone, wireless and much more.

The students and teachers enjoy integrating Digital Technologies into the curriculum using the iPad and we continue to see students develop in their digital literacy. The iPad program has been extremely successful with all Year 5 and 6 students having access to an iPad for learning. The iPad is being used for class collaboration, word processing, research, programming games and robotics, presentations, movie editing, photography, music creation and much more.

In setting up our iPad Program, we looked at many ways of supplying and integrating iPads into our students learning experience. The program model we chose was BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for our Year 5 and 6 students. Some of the advantages of BYOD being that it allows for parents to choose which iPad model is best for their child, BYOD allows for students to use a previously owned iPad and the iPad can be taken home and used as a personal device when not at school.

Students in Year 5 and 6 often already have access to an iPad, some even have a smartphone, and they are beginning the process of becoming a digital citizen. As a school with a BYOD program, we have the opportunity to partner with our parents to model a safe way to use online devices with appropriate boundaries that support and encourage safe online learning. We ask you to join with us in expecting the same standards at home as we expect at school to keep your children safe online. Many activities online i.e. social networks, some gaming, some video content etc. are age specific; please consider these age restrictions before allowing your children to download apps and sign up to websites that they are not yet mature enough to participate in.

Our current Year 5s will continue to bring their iPads into Year 6 in 2025 and we would like to invite the current Year 4 parents to provide their Year 5 students in 2025 with an iPad to use at school, ready for Week 1 2025. The Year 5 and 6 iPad program will continue as a "bring your own device" (BYOD) program. BYOD program consists of students supplying their own device, maintaining it, updating it and looking after it.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 in 2025 there will be an expectation to provide an iPad for your student to use at school to enrich their learning experiences. If you are in financial hardship please contact our Bursar, Dean Huntley to discuss your options.

Please take some time to read through the following documentation to help you understand the Year 5 and 6 iPad Program.

You may still have questions which can be answered via our iPads support email: ipad@bethany.sa.edu.au

Thank you for your continued support,

BCS ICT Department

Year 5 & 6 BYOD iPad Program - Information

Preparing for the iPad Program

Students will need to come prepared with an iPad in a suitable case, charged and ready to use in Week 1. We are aware that a percentage of students already own an iPad and we would ask you to send the iPad with your student under Bethany's iPad Policies and Agreements to be used in this Program. If your child doesn't own an iPad, we would ask you to purchase one for your child, this will be used for Year 5 and 6 at Bethany Christian School. We have partnered with LWT to give you the best possible pricing options. There is a link available from our school website.

iPad Minimum Specs

Any iPad from iPad 6th gen, iPad Air 3 & iPad mini 5 – current models will be suitable for use at school.

Preferred models would be:

- iPad iPad 6th gen or newer
- iPad Air 3 or newer
- iPad mini 6th gen or newer
- (older models will not load iOS18 or support some Apps)
- 64GB and above is recommended.
- WIFI models are preferred (and are cheaper)
- Cellular/4G sim cards cannot be inserted at school



We do not recommend purchasing secondhand iPads as you do not know how they have been looked after.

iTunes and iCloud

iTunes (one account per household used to set up family sharing)

- Purchase music
- Purchase apps
- iTunes cards can be purchased on sale from time to time at Big W, JB HIFI and other retailers.

iCloud (one account per individual – set up with family share)

- Stores information in cloud storage
- Backs up iPad information
- Provides free email address
- First 5 GB of storage is free



Year 5 and 6 iPad Program – iPad setup

Step 1

Purchase an iPad device (your choice, LWT portal will be the best price as we get bulk discount)

Big W, Target, JB HIFI, Officeworks

<https://bethany.orderportal.com.au/>

Step 2

Make sure the iPad is protected

- Most iPads get broken when not in a case or if the case is not protective.
- Screen protector – Prevents screen from being scratched.
- Cover/case/sleeve – Protect the iPad from bumps and being transported in backpack.
(At school we use the Griffin Survivor Case – super heavy duty!)

Step 3

Create a parent/adult iTunes account (only if you don't already have one already)

This will be used for family sharing. You can use a household email to create your iTunes account. i.e.

ajones@gmail.com

- When you start your iPad up for the first time it will prompt you to create an apple ID.
- Follow prompts and insert the iTunes card number you previously purchased if you prefer not to use credit card.
- This is the iTunes account that you buy apps, music, video etc with.
- You can use this account to give permission for children to buy apps and iTunes content through family sharing.

Step 4

Set up Family Share apple ID for your child

- Follow the instructions to set up family share on the apple website.
 - www.apple.com/family-sharing/
- Use this Apple ID created for your child when setting up their iPad.
- This will be your child's iCloud account, where your child's data will be stored and backed up if you want. Apple offer 5GB free storage. (If you use your own account your child will have access to your photos, contacts, documents etc.)
- You will have control over what apps your child is trying to download, it will send you a message to approve any purchases.

Step 5

Clearly label your child's iPad

- Make sure your student's iPad is labeled, many students will have the same type and colour cases.

Step 6

- **Please read the Parent iPad Agreement and Policy on the school website and sign BYOD section in your students 2025 Diary**
<https://www.bethany.sa.edu.au/for-parents/year-5-and-6-ipad-program>
- **Have your student read the Student iPad Agreement and Policy and sign the BYOD section in their 2025 Diary**



Year 5 and 6 iPad Program – Questions and Answers

What Apps do I need to buy for my child's iPad?

The school will load any apps your child needs via a Mobile Device Management System.

Do I have to buy my student an iPad?

At Bethany we have incorporated the use of technology as an important part of your child's education. We are asking you to make this commitment for your student's education and learning. If this will cause genuine hardship, please contact Mr Dean Huntley, Bursar, Bethany Christian School.

My student has a 4G/ Cellular iPad, can they use it at school?

If your student has a 4G/Cellular iPad it must not come to school with a sim card inserted. We have no control over the internet content provided using 4G/Cellular sim cards. For your child's safety we provide completely filtered internet using a firewall in our WIFI network. If a child has a sim card in their iPad at school it will be removed by the school and a parent/caregiver will need to come and collect it.

Where can I get insurance for my child's iPad?

It may be best to speak with your household insurance company and see what cover is available for a student device. Unfortunately, the school's insurance cannot cover students individual iPads. When purchasing a new iPad you can get apple care for your iPad that offers some accidental damage insurance.

What if my student already owns another tablet device?

We have chosen the iPad as a school wide tablet device. After trialing other devices in our pilot program we are only permitting iPad's to be used in the classroom. It is easier for our teachers to be proficient at using one device and it provides consistency with software and hardware troubleshooting across the school.

If you still have questions, please email iPad support:

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