



Lower School – Years 1,2,3

Lower school children are invited to bring an iPad as detailed below. If you have any questions around the suitability of your iPad, please email byod@birksouthss.eq.edu.au with the subject Device Suitability Check

Option 1

iPad Minimum Specification

- iPad Air 2 (Running iOS 12)
- 16GB of storage for existing iPads (you will have to clear the iPad regularly as it will fill up quick)
- 32GB is now the minimum to purchase for new iPads

Option 2

iPad Recommended Specifications – Good for new purchases

- iPad 6 (2018) Model
- 32GB Storage, optional 128GB upgrade

Option 3

iPad High End Specifications

- iPad Pro (2018) Model
- 64GB Minimum, optional 256GB and 512GB upgrade

Notes

- **We do not recommend bringing/purchasing an iPad mini as Apple have stopped producing new models and the screen size is too small for some applications.**
- We do not recommend an iPad with cellular capabilities as this will allow your child unfiltered access to the internet as well as the potential for a large phone bill due to excessive cellular use.

Recommended Extras

- **Strong protective cover** – This reduces the chances of cracked screens and damage to the iPad. A case that covers the entire iPad is recommended.
- **Stylus/Apple Pencil** – All iPad pros and iPad 6 (2018) support apple pencil. Older iPad's support generic stylus
- **Detachable Keyboard** – Some cases come with keyboards, iPad Pro's have an official smart keyboard
- **Extended Warranty** – Depending on where you purchase your iPad, they may provide their own extended warranty. Apple also offer extended warranty called AppleCare.
- **Accidental Damage Protection** – Purchased with the device. Reduces the cost of repairing an iPad if it is damaged accidentally. The AppleCare warranty above comes with two accidental damage incidents.

Information and App Lists

The school has an iTunes U course available that is accessible from the iPad containing important information about the program, as well as the apps required for each class. This can be viewed here: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/course/id1445799341>

Upper School – Years 4,5,6

In the upper school, students have the option of **bringing an iPad** as detailed above, as well as the option to bring a laptop. If you have any questions around the suitability of your device, please email

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Minimum Specification

Good for bringing an existing device

CPU	4 th Generation Intel i3 or better
RAM	4GB+
Storage	256GB SSD or 500GB HDD+
Wireless	5GHz adapter, 802.11 AC recommended
Display	12" Display or Larger
Battery	4 Hours+
GPU	Integrated+

Recommended Specification

Good for purchasing a new device

CPU	8 th Generation Intel i3 or better
RAM	8GB+
Storage	256GB SSD
Wireless	5GHz adapter, 802.11 AC recommended
Display	12" Display or Larger
Battery	8 Hours+
GPU	Integrated+

Notes

- Please bring a laptop containing windows 8 or above. Most new computers will come with windows 10 installed.
- We do not recommend bringing Apple Mac computers as they can be challenging to use for students and there may be software incompatibility issues

Software Requirements

- **Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)** – Please do not pay for Microsoft office as students can get it for free. Please follow [this guide](#) on installing office.
- **Antivirus Software** – An active and current anti-virus software is required. Windows 8 & 10 come with windows defender installed. There are free anti-virus programs available such as AVG, Bitdefender, and Microsoft security essentials