



Year Three- Year Six iPad Program: **Information for Families**

Dear members of the USPS Learning Community,

This letter is being written to inform you of the status of the school's iPad Program for 2019.

What will the iPad Program look like in 2019?

In 2019, all students from Year Three- Year Six are provided with the option to bring their own iPad to school, but it is not compulsory for students to have their own iPad.

If my child does not bring an iPad to school, will their learning be disadvantaged? Will the school provide my child with their own 1:1 iPad to use every day?

Students whose families elect not to provide an iPad for their child, will have access to a shared class bank of iPads. In 2019, we are budgeting to achieve a ratio of six shared devices (iPads/ netbooks) per classroom.

Students without an iPad will not have their learning disadvantaged. Classroom learning tasks are not "app specific" and are designed for students to present and access their learning through various mediums, such as desktop, pen/paper, artistic mediums, and so on.

If my child brings an iPad to school, what are the expectations for use?

Please refer to the 2019 User Agreement @

<http://www.upweythps.vic.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2019-School-BYOiD-User-Agreement.pdf>

What will the BYOiD Program look like beyond 2019?

In its present format, School Council do not have access to enough hard data to either prove/ nor disprove the direct learning benefits of the program.

With the above in mind, the School is currently assessing the format of the program as part of our new School Strategic Plan, which may involve future options such as the expansion of the program to include android devices, netbooks, or similar. Another future option may also be to scale the program back, or limit access to senior years of schooling.

Information regarding the future directions of the program will be communicated to families over the coming twelve months.

I still have more questions, who can I speak with?

Please speak with the Principal should you have further questions regarding the program.