The introduction of an iPad program at the College is a positive step forward for the education of our students. A wealth of studies identify the positive benefits of infusing technology into the classroom, coupled with the successful practice witnessed in many other schools, is part of St Pauls pursuing a 1:1 tablet technology program in the College.

The use of iPads by students for researching and for the use of e-texts and notes will be of great benefit to equip them with 21st century skills, specifically:

- critical thinking
- student-centred learning practice
- working collaboratively
- learning to share in ethical ways
- shared knowledge construction
- problem solving

This information booklet will provide some more detailed information relating to the iPad roll out for the upcoming school year. Information relating to the iPad program will constantly be updated on the school website leading into the 2017 school year. This document will also be updated as the year comes to an end to detail the specific Apps and procedures the students will need to follow in order to have their device ready for next year.
Recommended iPad Options

All students are required to have an iPad in 2017.

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**The iPad mini is NOT recommended.**

**Recommended Cases**

These need to be tough, thick and sturdy so it can stand the pressures of day to day use within the college and protect the iPad from drops. Below is an example of a suitable case, the case is known as a survivor case.

**AppleCare +**

This provides 2 years of technical support and additional hardware coverage including up to two replacements screens. (The most frequent and common damage to iPads in schools are broken screens).
Student Resources

The following will be distributed to student’s iPads through the College network (Early Term 1) as PDF texts:

- Maths Quest NSW Australian curriculum
- Cambridge Maths NSW
- Core Science NSW Australian curriculum
- Retroactive NSW Australian curriculum
- English is ... Australian Curriculum
- Geoactive (Current Edition)
- Active Outcomes (Current Edition) PDHPE
- Artwise 1 Visual Arts 7-10
- New Concepts on Commerce

Online assessment programs or online skill builder games

- AssessON Maths Quest NSW Australian curriculum
- Hotmaths
- AssessON Core Science NSW Australian curriculum
- Knowledge Quest English
- MyWorld History Atlas
- MyWorld Atlas

Online apps

- GloBible
- Dictionary/thesaurus
- And Other Online apps as required

The cost for all items is approximately $150 and will be included in your school fees.

Students will also be taught to use the below online resources and storage:

- Management of the iPad
- Edmodo
- Dropbox
• Google drive
• Other e-learning tools

Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta Requirements

Wireless Connectivity

Wireless Connectivity is key to BYOD devices in schools. Devices must support 5GHz dual band wireless or 802.11 a/b/g/n, and WPA2 enterprise. (Make sure it supports both ‘a’ and ‘n’)

Operating System

To ensure the latest programs and software are compatible, we recommend the current or previous version of any operating system. E.g. iOS 7 & 6 for iPads

Battery Life

Minimum 6hrs

Devices need to last the school day, we recommend a minimum of 6hrs battery life

Memory and RAM

Minimum 16 GB Storage 2 GB RAM

To be able to store and process data effectively these minimum specifications are recommended

Hardware Features

Required Camera and Microphone

These are necessary to ensure students can participate in 21st century learning activities. A stylus or keyboard may also be useful

Screen Size

Reasonable Size

Ensure the screen is of a reasonable size not less than 7 inch to enable ease of use throughout a school day and good resolution of 600 dp
FAQs

Why should I get an iPad and not a laptop?

- St Pauls Catholic College and the Catholic Education Office have spent considerable time testing the iPad in school situations. The iPad allows students to access the Internet and Email, create content (word processing, spreadsheets, presentations), access our Learning Management System (Edmodo), create movies, manipulate photos and much, much more.

- The iPad has a greater battery life (around 10 hours), than a Laptop therefore the battery will last the entire school day without the need for charging and weighs a lot less (around 700g compared to a laptop which weighs at least 2kg), reducing the weight of school bags.

- The iBook application allows you to keep books and resources at your fingertips. We also use Jacaranda e-Textbooks with a special e-textbook app.

Do I need a case?

- St Pauls Catholic College has stipulated All iPads MUST be encased. These need to be tough, thick and sturdy so it an stand the pressures of day to day use within the college and protect the iPad from drops. Our recommended case is known as a survivor case.

Can I charge my device at the College?

- No, all students are expected to have their device charged at home.

Why would I need to use eBooks?

- There are advantages in having books, including text books, loaded to your iPad. By putting books onto the iPad you dramatically reduce the weight in your son/daughters schoolbag.

- Students will always have access to textbooks and resources in their classes with the inclusion of e-Textbooks. Students will also be able to annotate the e-Textbooks for study etc.

- Most importantly, the cost of e-Textbooks will be less than the cost of current hard copy books.

- Some traditional books will still play a big part of your child’s learning.
All future updates will be available on the College Website http://www.stpaulsgreystanes.catholic.edu.au/home under the “iPads @ St Pauls” tab.

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