

Bring Your Own Device - Sutherland Dianella Primary School

The details below will inform you about our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program for our Year 3-6 students. This program is optional and aims to enhance the learning experience of our students by providing them with access to various online resources, apps, and tools.

Why iPads?

We have chosen iPads as the devices for our BYOD program for the following reasons:

- Our staff are trained to support students using iPads and iOS software.
- Our systems for monitoring student use are based on Apple Classroom, which is a platform that helps teachers manage their use.
- iPads are compatible with many educational apps and tools that we use in our curriculum.

How iPads are used in the classroom

We use iPads to enhance the learning that occurs in our classrooms and not to replace the work done with pencil and paper.

Teachers use the iPads based on the SAMR model, which is a framework that helps them integrate technology into their teaching and learning programs. SAMR stands for Substitution, Augmentation, Modification, and Redefinition.

Using technology allows our students to quickly access information and present their findings in a variety of ways that may not be otherwise possible. For example, students can create multimedia presentations, record podcasts, or collaborate on digital projects.

We do not use iPads throughout the entire day, but only when they are relevant and appropriate for the learning objectives.

OneNote: a tool for iPads

One of the main tools that we use with iPads is OneNote, which is a digital notebook that allows students and teachers to organise and share their notes, assignments, and feedback. OneNote is a useful tool because it serves as a repository for teaching and learning resources.

Shared iPads for students who don't opt-in

Students who don't opt-in to the BYOD program will have access to a bank of shared iPads allocated to the classroom. These will be available at point of need and stay at school.

More information

We hope this information is helpful. If you require any further details, please let us know. We appreciate your support and cooperation in making our BYOD program a success.