



# Henderson Valley Optional BYOiPad Questions and Answers

## **Why iPads instead of laptops, chrome books? Why can't I use a tablet?**

iPads are the dominant tablet in the education sector. This means that the number of educational apps available through the App Store is significantly higher than for Android devices. Our teachers are all proficient in the use and support of iPads, as these are the devices we have in our school. If a range of other devices are brought into the school teachers may not be able to provide assistance with them and it could distract from our focus on learning. If all students have the same device then teachers can be confident they have access to the same apps, as not all apps are available across multiple platforms.

## **What iPad do I buy?**

You can purchase the iPad that your child feels most comfortable using or that suits your budget. We have used a mix of iPads and iPad minis within the school and all have been successful. If you already have an iPad at home there is no need to purchase a new device.

## **How do I purchase an iPad?**

If you are purchasing a new iPad you are welcome to purchase it from wherever you like. Noel Leeming on Lincoln Road are going to help the school out with offering a range of payment options. More details of this support will be coming out soon.

## **How do I insure the device?**

Please contact your insurance company to arrange policy cover for the device at school. When your child is not in class a locked cupboard will be provided for your child to secure their device in.

## **What happens to kids who don't have a BYOiPad? Will they be disadvantaged?**

There are school iPads in every classroom that students without their own devices will have access to. With BYOiPad bringing more iPads into classrooms every student will benefit by having greater access to a device.



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## **What happens if I don't know anything about an iPad - how do I help my child?**

The school will be running some information sessions to help you. This would be a great way for you and your child to learn together and for your child to be able to teach you. Your child will learn more while teaching you what they have learnt.

## **I have more than one child between Year 4 and Year 6 can they share an iPad?**

If you choose to share an iPad between children it would be recommended to have set days for each child as trying to swap during the day could be problematic for security. On the days your child is without the iPad they will have access to the class iPads.

## **If I buy an iPad in Year 4 will I be expected to buy something else in Year 6?**

No, we have taken time to investigate and make decisions on what would be the best BYOD for our school. We have found that iPads are what suit our needs, and let our children have access to a range of digital resources/ applications all within one device.

## **Can they use this iPad at Intermediate School?**

It will be dependent on the Intermediate school that your child is going to attend, as each school has their own BYOD policy. Check with the school your child is going to attend to see what requirements they have.

## **What apps will I be expected to have for learning?**

If your child brings an iPad to school they will be expected to purchase a set of educational apps that have been carefully selected by experts in the school. You will only need to purchase one set of apps per family as Apple allows you to share apps among your household's devices. It is expected that the apps won't cost more than \$30.



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## **Can I have any apps on my iPad?**

There will be an expected set of apps that you will be required to purchase and have on your iPad for school use. This is your device and we cannot stop you putting on the apps that you wish, however they may not be used while at school and need to be of appropriate content.

## **What happens if my child plays games on their iPad during school time?**

Both parents and children will need to sign a user agreement about the use of iPads at school which relates to digital citizenship, this agreement covers the consequences for inappropriate use of technology.

## **What happens if my child forgets their iPad?**

If your child forgets to bring their iPad they will have access to the classroom iPads for the day.

## **What happens if my child brings a flat iPad to school?**

Children will have access to a class iPad for the day and will need to take their iPad home to charge that night.

## **Where will the charger be kept?**

We ask that students charge iPads at home so the charger should be kept at home.

## **Can devices stay at school?**

We ask that students charge their devices at home. If a student has a genuine reason to leave their device at school occasionally, they can negotiate that with their classroom teacher who will ensure the device will be secure and charged for the next day.

## **Where will the iPad be kept at school?**

When the iPad is not in use then it will be kept in a locked cupboard within the classroom.



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## **What security will be in place when the iPad is at school?**

When the iPad is not in use it will be kept in a locked cupboard.

## **What happens when the classroom cupboard is locked and I can't check my iPad in?**

If the classroom teacher is not in the class to unlock the cupboard then children will need to take responsibility for making sure their iPad is safe until the teacher arrives.

## **What happens before and after school?**

Each morning and afternoon your child will need to check their iPad in and out and take responsibility for making sure that it goes into their dry bag, then into their book bag and into their school bag to transport home.

## **If my child goes to SKIDS, how is the iPad managed at SKIDS?**

SKIDS already have a system in-place with all iPads been kept in a locked cupboard while children are at SKIDS.

## **How will my child be kept safe when using the internet?**

We focus on teaching our children how to present themselves on the internet and how to interact responsibly with this resource. With the rate of change on the internet itself, HVS aims to instil our students with skills to be safe, aware and responsible digital citizens. We have Digital Citizenship teaching tools that are integral in educating children; through directly taught lessons as well as continual teacher modelling and engaging with our community.

Alongside this teaching we have a secure network that filters websites. However no filtering can ever be guaranteed to be 100%, so that is why we combine our filtering programme with our school-wide digital citizenship programme to teach our students how to be good digital citizens and how to be safe when using the internet.

There will also be a User Agreement that students and parents will be expected to sign before a device is brought to school.



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## **What access will my child have during the school day?**

Though we are integrating the use of ICT into our learning more, this does not mean that your child will be fixed to a screen. Students will still work in small groups with their teacher, work in groups with their peers, use other 'hands on' learning and write in books. They will still be doing things like handwriting, drawing, painting communicating etc... We do not want to substitute books for an iPad. iPads will be used at a teacher's discretion when they can support or enhance learning. The device is a tool which will be used when appropriate. Teachers will be alert to the need to ensure that long sustained periods of time in front of a screen do not occur.

## **Will they still have stationery?**

Yes, but may not require as many exercise books.

## **Should the iPad have a case and how should it be transported between home and school?**

We recommend that you buy a case and screen protector for your iPad as it helps to protect it. We would also encourage you to purchase a dry bag for your child's iPad for transporting it to and from school to make sure it doesn't get wet from leaking drink bottles or rain. Then the iPad should be put into your child's book bag and in their school bag to be transported between home and school.

## **Does my child have to share their iPad with other children in the classroom?**

Students' iPads are for their own use, however they may be asked to share their device when they are involved in group work, under their teacher's supervision.

## **Will my child be expected to use the iPad for homework?**

Homework will not be dependent on a device however your child will be able to continue with work that they have been doing during the day if they have their own iPad.



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Later in Term 4 a notice will be coming home asking you to indicate to the school if your child/children is going to be bringing an iPad to school. It is important that you return this slip to school so we can make sure we have the necessary arrangements in place.

**If I have any other questions about BYOiPad who can I talk to?**

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