



# Apple iPad Initiative - Details for 2016-2017

## All Students – Year 7-12

The purchase of an Apple iPad for **Years 7 – 12** will be compulsory for 2017.

Students who do not have an Apple iPad will be able to use the College's Apple MacBooks.

### Why Apple iPads?

The benefits of using an Apple iPad at school and home include:

1. Individualised learning has proven to increase creativity, independence, flexibility and inspires greater pride in school work.
2. Promotes the development of 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills highly regarded in today's workforce, including the productive use of technology in various applications, adaptability and critical thinking.
3. Significantly lower cost of textbooks. Digital textbooks are being priced with more details to come.
4. Allows teachers and students to use and view more creative methods of learning and presentation of their work.
5. 24/7 education using our McMoodle and Google Apps for Education.
6. Reduced weight of school bag.

### Specifications

1. New **Apple iPad Air or Air 2, Pro or Apple iPad Mini**
2. **Apple iPads** can be the cheaper **WiFi only** \*versions.
3. **If you have an existing iPad it must have IOS6 or later on it.**

*\*3G models are **not recommended** at school owing to security concerns and the cost of data plans. This also reduces the initial cost of the iPad.*

4. **Cover** - Students **must** provide a cover to protect their iPad.  
We recommend a cover that fully covers the back, front and edges of the iPad and allows students to position the iPad at an angle to make it easier for typing.

## Using your iPad

1. An **Apple ID / iTunes account** is required to use an iPad. A **\$20 iTunes Card** can be purchased from a range of stores which will allow you to create an account and purchase apps.
2. Year 7 students less than 13 years of age are not permitted to create an Apple ID, therefore parents' should create a new account for their child using an iTunes card or similar.
3. If the iPad is **stolen** or **damaged**, it is the **responsibility** of the **student**.

## Protecting your iPad - Optional

1. **AppleCare** – this is extended warranty from Apple for an extra 1 year and only covers manufacturing faults.
2. **Insurance**- some stores can provide insurance for your iPad. An excellent insurer is Covertec - <https://www.covertec.com.au/>

## Connecting to the College network

When the iPad is **purchased**, it must be brought to the **IT Department** (located in the **Library**) for connection together with the iPad Agreement Form.

We will then **enrol** the iPad on our **network** using the **Airwatch** management software provided by **CEO Parramatta**. Please see attached agreement.

## iPad Agreements

The iPad Agreement is attached and must be completed and returns to the College signed.

## Further Questions

If you have any questions, please email the **Learning Technology Coordinator**, through McCarthy College email: [mccarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mccarthy@parra.catholic.edu.au)