



## **1 to 1 iPad program 2026**

### **Why iPads?**

iPads have now become much more powerful and versatile in the education setting – to enable creation and composition, they have tools to capture and edit video, audio and images and to record and playback voice. They are portable, flexible and have a naturally intuitive interface that allows students to create, innovate, communicate and collaborate.

### **What iPad is suitable?**

For students to fully engage with the 1 to 1 iPad program the following iPad model and specification is recommended – the current iPad is the iPad 11<sup>th</sup> generation 2025 128GB. An iPad that is 1 or 2 years old will be adequate providing it has sufficient storage e.g. 64GB.

Winthrop Australia has been a valued partner in the cluster 1 to 1 program for many years and again offer competitive pricing. See their portal for ordering – <https://sales.winaust.com.au/shop/ashdaleps>

Families are also able to purchase their iPad from a supplier of their own choice.

### **iPad cover**

A cover is very important as it provides protection against knocks and bumps the iPad may receive. We are recommending the Belkin plug in keyboard.

### **Accounts and management**

The students will connect to the internet through the school wireless network. This is a Department managed connection.

We strongly urge parents to look at parental controls in the iPad and set restrictions according to family values.

Ashdale recommends setting up an iTunes Family Sharing account. This allows parents to attach a child's iTunes account to their own, which provides added protection for inadvertent app purchases or credit card use. When a child initiates a purchase (both paid and free apps), an alert is sent to the parent, who can review the download and approve or decline it on their own Apple device. Learn more about iTunes Family Sharing, including how to get started: <https://www.apple.com/au/icloud/family-sharing/>

### **Apps**

The iPads will come with the Apple suite of apps that will be commonly used by the students. Parents will be asked to install some additional educational apps – these are yet to be confirmed. We recommend that parents use their Apple iTunes account to purchase recommended apps using an iTunes gift card to purchase rather than a credit card.

Students will only use approved apps whilst at school.

### **Insurance and Protection**

Your iPad is not covered by Ashdale Primary School or the Department of Education's insurance policy. Please check your home and contents insurance cover to see if you have cover for your iPad. If you purchase through Winthrop, you may select insurance through Protectsure as an optional extra. Apple hardware comes with a 24-month Australian Consumer Law warranty and up to 90 days complimentary phone support. You can extend your coverage further with the Apple Care Protection Plan – recommended.

### **Cybersafety**

Cyber safety practices are a high priority at Ashdale PS, and appropriate duty of care and instruction is extended to all our digital programs. Parents and students also have a responsibility in this area to minimize risk or exposure to unsuitable material. Students have formal lessons around safe and acceptable use of devices and parent information sessions are also offered.

### **Acceptable Use Policy**

All students operate and use technology under an acceptable use policy. Failure to meet the conditions of this policy may result in forfeiting the privilege of using technology in our school.

### **No iPad?**

Our program is voluntary – students who don't have their own device will have some access to a school owned device while at school.

### **Life of the iPad**

Our school experience tells us that Apple products are very robust and long lasting if they are cared for. The school has used both MacBooks and iPads well beyond their warranty periods. We would envisage your Yr 4 child's iPad lasting through until end of Yr 6, when families can then decide on the device to enter high school with. Ashdale Secondary College have a "bring your own device" program where students can bring MacBooks, iPads and also Windows based devices.

### **Charging**

Part of being a responsible user of technology is having your device fully charged and ready to go for each school day.

### **How much screen time?**

At Ashdale, technology is used at point of need. We are using the technology to enrich activities in the classroom and do things that cannot be done with pen and paper. We are creating and sharing which is very different to the "passive screen time" often referred to in the media. At times, all students in a class may be using technology and at other times only small groups or individuals. The iPad does not take the place of pen and paper. Students still learn and practice handwriting. Parents often ask how many minutes/hours a day are the students using their devices. This varies from day to day and class to class. The students may spend 60 minutes on screen (with breaks) and then not use the device again for 3 hours, it really depends on the learning program for that day.