Important information for students enrolling in the Middle School in Years 8 & 9

Every Year 8 and 9 student is required to bring their own iPad to school, as a tool for learning, every day.

WHAT IPAD DO I NEED?

We recommend all students have, at minimum, a 64GB iPad or iPad Mini. However, we acknowledge that some families already own an earlier model iPad, or one with less memory and wish their child to use that iPad at school. Should this be the case for you, please be aware that you will be responsible for managing the content on your iPad.

WHERE DO I BUY MY iPAD?

You can purchase from any retail outlet, via our Apple Reseller portal (LeeetGeek) or direct from the Apple Store, taking advantage of their new Apple Family Funded program which offers some discount to students and in-store support for students and parents with iPad setup.

Mandatory Apps

When you purchase your new iPad running iOS9, the iLife (iMovie, GarageBand) and iWork (Pages, Keynote, Numbers) suites of Apps are available FREE from the App Store. This is a considerable saving for our students, as all of these Apps are mandatory and are required for use across all areas of the curriculum. You will need to have these downloaded to your iPad for your first day at school.

If you have chosen to use an older iPad model, then you may be required to purchase the iLife (iMovie, GarageBand) and iWork (Pages, Keynote, Numbers) suite of Apps from the App Store, depending on the age of your iPad. The cost to purchase these Apps is $60.95.

Links to the remaining mandatory apps are located in the iTunesU course. You are required to download these Apps, ready for day 1.

ONCE I HAVE MY IPAD, WHAT DO I DO NEXT?

You need to download the iTunesU App which is free from the App store. Open the App, go to the Catalogue and type Unley High School in the search bar. Select the 2016 Mobile Learning in the Middle School course and then subscribe. It will download to your iPad. This course is designed to help you prepare your iPad for use at school.

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE FIRST DAY?

Our IT Support Team will work with the Year 8 home groups to ensure every student’s iPad is joined to the school’s network and that each student’s email is functioning, and ready for lessons on Day 2.

Our team will also be available to assist students enrolling in Year 9 for the first time.
Important information for parents of students using iPads

Whilst there are some FAQs and relevant information in the iTunesU course, there are some questions parents ask us regularly:

**How do I decide which iPad to buy for my child?**


**What sort of iPad case will best protect my investment?**

We strongly recommend the use of an ‘all inclusive’ case that encases the iPad completely, such as the Griffin Survivor or Kensington Black Belt.

**Why should I pay the extra for AppleCare+?**

Another way to further protect your investment is to purchase AppleCare + when you purchase the iPad. Should the iPad screen be damaged, cost of replacement is greatly reduced through this program. Visit [http://tinyurl.com/jw5cph](http://tinyurl.com/jw5cph) for more information.

**Why is it important for my child to regularly back up their iPad content?**

Data on your child's iPad exists either in the application that created it, in cloud-based storage or on your home computer if it is used to backup the device. Should the iPad be damaged or data corrupted, backed-up files can be restored directly to the device. This means your child is less likely to lose any work done on their iPad.

**How do I manage my child’s use of the iPad at home?**

We strongly urge you to set very clear boundaries regarding your child’s use of the iPad at home. For example, the iPad should not be charged overnight in your child’s bedroom, as it may become a distraction that interrupts your child’s sleep. We encourage you to charge electronic devices in a common area of your home, such as the family room.

**HOW CAN WE HELP YOU?**

During Term 1 each year, we run iPad training sessions for parents. These are ‘hands-on’ sessions of approximately two and a half hours during which we explore iPad basics, management and iPad issues.

We encourage you to take advantage of these free sessions when they are offered in 2016. Parents of year 8 and 9 students receive a letter in the post advertising the sessions. Sessions will also be announced on the school’s website.