



## **eLEARN**

Undurba State School is a community of 21st century eLearners for whom collaboration and teamwork are essential elements in driving creativity and imagination through critical thinking and problem solving. ICT (information and communication technologies) is a natural and essential part of learning where staff and students investigate, manage, create, and communicate with ICT in a socially and ethically responsible way.

## **WHY eLEARN?**

The Organisation for Economic Change and Development (OECD 2005) has identified critical factors that determine a nation's economic growth, development and success within a globally competitive market. Outlined was the critical role ICT played in entrepreneurship, innovation and the development of social capital. The capacity of students and teachers to use (digital literacy) and apply ICT (pedagogy) will be key for economic growth and stability in the future. Similarly, the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) strongly emphasises the relationship between ICT use, education reform, and economic growth. This is based on assumptions that systemic economic growth is the key to poverty reduction and increased prosperity and that ICT are engines for growth and tools for empowerment with profound implications (UNESCO, 2008). While businesses, consumers, students and organisations globally are convinced of the potential and importance of ICT, some educators are still arguing and struggling to accept and adopt learning through, and with, ICT. <http://education.qld.gov.au/smartclassrooms/documents/strategy/pdf/scbyte-elearning.pdf>

## **eLEARN, OUR WAY (ePAW)**

The aim of ePAW (expanding Potential AnyWhere) is to create and support teaching and learning in a digital learning environment. This approach supports our Undurba State School eLearning vision to educate and engage students utilising the rapidly developing and changing world of technology. The whole school actively uses and promotes ICT opportunities that are purposeful, engaging and intrinsically linked to curriculum, quality teaching practice and maximising student learning outcomes. eLearning at Undurba State School (USS) provides the place, time and opportunity for students to access, evaluate and transform information beyond the immediate task.

Students will use their device for a range of purposes throughout all stages of learning such as planning and researching; applying and deepening knowledge; reflecting, evaluating and sharing. It is not expected that these devices will be in constant use nor replace the important need for students to learn to read and write using more traditional forms. Similar to all teaching and learning tools in our school, the devices will be used to enrich the learning experience.

## **OUR DEVICE**

The iPad has been selected for the ePAW program as the Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) supports this platform, it is the option for the BYOD at our feeder high school and has aligned tools to our teachers' professional and pedagogical practice. DETE's wireless infrastructure in schools has been configured to accommodate the device.

The iPad is suitable because:

- Wireless access to DETE's filtered Managed Internet Service is possible.
- A wide range of versatile apps is available to support all areas of the curriculum.
- Students are able to create a diverse range of high quality digital content with limited training in the use of the applications.
- One swipe and the iPad is on and ready to be used.
- The device is lightweight and portable.
- The device is reliable and support needed to navigate and use is minimal



Minimum Requirement	Recommended Requirement
iPad Air 5 <sup>th</sup> Gen 16GB IOS 12 compatible	iPad 6 <sup>th</sup> Gen or Pro 32GB or higher IOS 12 compatible

While at school iPads access the DETE Wi-Fi network ensuring a secured internet environment provided by Education Queensland. Devices authenticate through the school server which administers special permissions and restrictions. All downloads and emails are monitored through Departmental filters and are frequently reviewed by the school Principal.

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

1. 3G, 4G, 5G is not permitted at school.
2. iPad Mini (any version) will not be permitted on our school network
3. We strongly recommend the iPad has a robust protective case suitable for student use. Stylus is optional
4. No other devices will be permitted on our school network

## **RESPONSIBILITIES (Parents/Students and The School)**

**Parents and students** will agree to and sign the terms and conditions of the ePAW Student Participation Agreement. Parents are asked to discuss the participation agreement with their child, so that their child is aware of the acceptable use guidelines of their personal device whilst at Undurba State School.

**Parents** agree to purchase and manage the nominated apps required to support the students learning. The basic start-up suite of apps, suggested by the school, provides cross-curricular functionality and gives students the opportunity to engage in a vast range of digital learning.

**Parents** manage the iTunes accounts - by law students under the age of 13 are unable to have these accounts. They will need to back-up the device on a weekly basis either to a home computer or to 'The Cloud'.

**The School** will ensure all classrooms are locked for device security during school breaks. Teachers will regularly revisit the safe and acceptable use of the devices with all students. Teachers will discuss the participation agreement with the students, so that all are aware of the acceptable use guidelines of their personal device whilst at Undurba State School.

**The School** will support students with the configuration of the device to access the approved Department of Education secure Internet filtered environment as well as the use of applications throughout all stages of learning.

**The School's** eLearning Committee will ensure that the list of recommended apps provide cross curricular functionality and give students the opportunity to engage in a vast range of digital learning in line with the Undurba State School vision.

**The School** will maintain professional development for staff working in the program. Throughout the year the school will host information sessions for parents and students that will focus on the management of the devices and using applications to create digital content.

**Please do not delete any school produced items, including photos, unless directed by the teacher.**

## **DEVICE MANAGEMENT**



### **Insurance**

- Please note that the school does not provide insurance coverage for student-owned devices. Should any damage to a device occur through negligence of the school, the school will cover the repair cost. If damage is caused by deliberate or careless actions of other students, the school will endeavour to recover the costs of repair from those involved and behaviour consequences may apply. The decision around the responsibility for repair costs is at the discretion of the Principal.
- While every effort is taken in the school environment to ensure the devices are kept secure and used appropriately, parents are encouraged to seek personal insurance. Check with your preferred insurance company or the iPad reseller about extended insurance coverage to cover times when it is outside the home environment

### **School Arrangements**

- Wi-Fi settings will be put into each device to enable access to the school internet. Please note: this is the EQ filtered internet service.
- Student EQ email addresses will be entered at school on the iPads. Students can access EQ email from home and school for the purposes of learning. Email traffic is monitored for inappropriate use, content and language.
- Each child will use his/her own iPad every day. **Students are not permitted to use another student's device.**
- iPads are to be locked away when not in use by the students. They are not to be used before or after school or at break times, unless the student chooses to attend relevant clubs and school spaces.
- Students may, at times, bring devices to Specialist lessons. The specialist teachers will ensure devices are used in a safe manner during the lessons and will walk students back to their room at the end of the lesson to return devices back to the classroom.

**Before bringing the device to school each day, students must have done the following:**

1. Charge the device each night.



2. Close down all home apps



3. Close down all open websites and history



**Apps** - all apps are purchased through the Apple App Store using personal IDs. With a combination of paid and free apps, the school suggested suite will cost approximately \$50 (including subscriptions).

Once the app is downloaded to an account it can be shared across multiple devices. Therefore, parents / carers who have more than one child in the program will purchase the suite and share across the devices. The app developers may periodically upgrade these apps and therefore parents need to ensure updates are completed at home.

### Apps at School

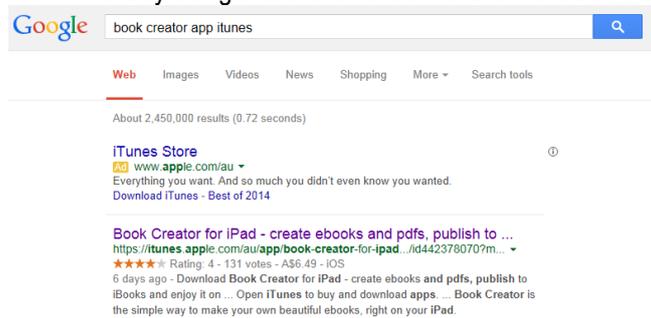


We understand that students have games and other apps for recreational purposes on their devices. At times teachers may allow access to appropriate games at school for reward and iPad Clubs.

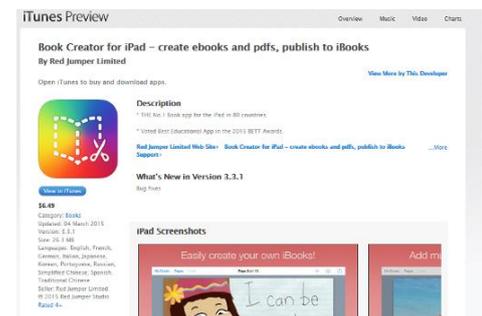
However, students at our school may only access the following games during school hours:

- Year 1-3: 4+ Rating only
- Year 4-6: no higher than a 9+ Rating
- All Year Levels : Apps on the USS list

If you are not sure of an App's rating you can find it by doing a search and look for the iTunes au store link for iPads. Example below.



When you click on the link it will take you to the iTunes Preview and the rating can be found on the left side of the screen



### Closing Apps

To assist with battery life of the device we recommend that any user shuts down the app after use and closes all websites that have been opened.

To close apps on an iPad:

1. Press the Home button two times quickly. You'll see small previews of your recently used apps.
2. Swipe left to find the app you want to close.
3. Swipe up on the app's preview to close it.



### Blocked Sites and Apps

Students or Parents who use YouTube, Facebook or any other Social Media and or Gaming sites at home on the device must close these before they enter the school. **These sites and apps are blocked in our school environment and it may cause the student difficulties in joining the school Wi-Fi network.** Please check that these sites and other gaming apps are closed before they enter the school.

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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Q: Will my child be able to charge their iPad at school?

A: No. Students will need to have their device charged and ready for learning before they come to school each day. In the event of a students' device running out of battery during their learning, alternative provisions will be made for students to continue learning without their iPad.

Q: Is there insurance if the iPad is damaged or broken whilst at school?

A: No. Students are required to ensure that their devices are kept safe and looked after during the school day. iPads will be locked in classrooms during break times.

Q: Will the device be used all day everyday?

A: Throughout the learning experiences, students will be using other processes and activities that will not require the use of their devices. Teachers will ensure that learning experiences are balanced and maximise the use of iPads.

Q: Will too much screen time impact on my child in ePAW?

A: Teachers will use devices to enhance student learning using a variety of tools contained in the device. Learning experiences are not static consumption of information but rather require higher order thinking, collaboration, design thinking, innovation and creativity. Students will not be using games or consuming content which will ensure screen time will not be an issues for students in ePAW.

Q: Can I buy a stylus or keyboard?

A: Yes and they are optional items. Parents can purchase these items for students to use at school. Please be advised that it will be the students' responsibility to maintain the safety and security of these items.

Q: What sort of case will the children need?

A: The students will be mainly using their devices in and around classroom settings. It is therefore recommended that a robust strong case be purchased as it will ensure the iPad is protected from the day to day use at school.

Q: Will there be a fee or levy for ePAW?

A: No levy or fee, the standard \$100 SRS payment will be required.

Q: Will there be a reduction in the booklist if you are in an ePAW class?

A: Yes the booklists and future resource structures will be streamlined to optimise book use and minimise wastage. It is envisioned that there will still be a pivotal role for books and pencils in each students day to day learning. The iPad will not completely replace the booklist.