

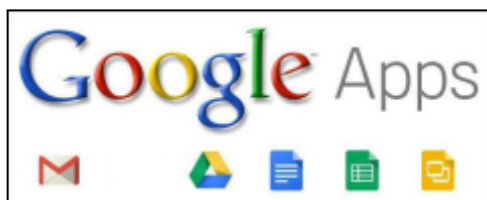


Dear Parents,

As your child is moving into Year 3 next year, they are invited to participate in Clairvaux's Bring Your Own Recommended Device (BYORD) program. The recommended device is an iPad - capable of running (a minimum) iOS software version 16.0 (iPad 5th Generation and up).

The following information may help you decide if you would like your child to be involved in the program in 2024:

1. Our BYORD program is not compulsory. We are not requesting all families to go and purchase a new device for their child. We currently have about 60% of students that participate in the BYORD program. In Year 3 students will have access to some shared classroom devices including Chromebooks and iPads.
2. Devices are used to enhance learning through ease of access to information on the internet, use of educational apps to create, practise and consolidate skills, share, publish and present work through Seesaw and building vital technological skills.
3. All students will still use workbooks for all curriculum areas. We find the program of benefit and a great motivator for all students when using their iPads with their learning.
4. All students are provided with a Google/Gmail account which gives them access to the Google suite of apps. This account is for school purposes only.
5. Emails sent through this account are monitored by our Technologies co-ordinator and can be traced, blocked or frozen if inappropriate messages are identified.
6. All students participate in cyber safety lessons throughout the year where they learn about appropriate use of language on the internet, safe information to share on the internet and security around sharing passwords etc.
7. Students who have their own devices are not to use them on school grounds before or after school.
8. Devices are locked securely in classrooms at recess and lunch.
9. Students will receive support from the Technologies Leader and their teachers to connect their iPad to the school wifi. Any firewalls or security measures provided by the school are only active when the iPad is connected to the school wifi. Other security measures are at the parents discretion.
10. The Google apps are available for free on the App Store and need to be added to the device prior to the start of the school year. These include Google Docs, Slides, Sheets, Gmail and Drive. They are the equivalent of Microsoft Office programs but have the advantage of being accessible through the internet on any device at school or home. We also require the Seesaw app and Chrome app. Other app requests relating to school learning may be made by teachers throughout the year if the need arises.



11. Students who have apps loaded to their device for personal use (e.g games, music, social media) must store these apps in a separate folder. These apps must **not** be accessed during school time unless specific permission is gained from the teacher. Other apps that may be useful include a Calculator app and Epic (books/reading app).



12. All students are required to sign an Acceptable Internet Use Policy at the start of each school year in order to use any devices at school. Please take time to read through this with your child and help decode what this means for them.
13. Students who are able to bring their own iPad will also have a BYORD form to fill in to acknowledge they will use the device appropriately at school.
14. We see the benefits of students having access to their own device in the immediate ease of access to required learning apps (less time spent logging onto a shared device), familiarity of the device as well as the creativity available through the use of various apps. The BYORD program is about bringing technology into the classroom in real and meaningful ways. It is also a great way to teach children responsibility, routine and world awareness.

If you have any questions about the program please feel free to contact us. We look forward to a great year of learning in 2024.

Regards,

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