

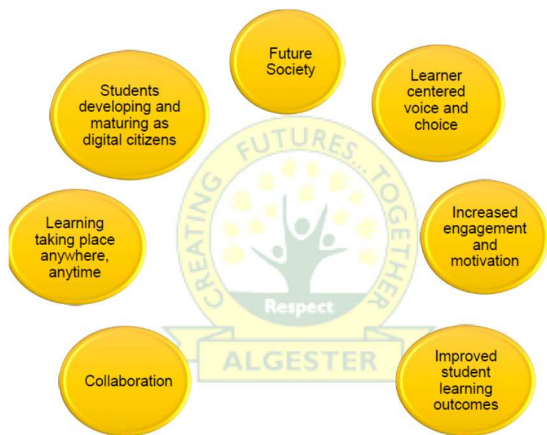
Creating Futures ... Together

As technology continues to change, so do the modes in which we work, play and learn.

Vision

Developing student's knowledge and digital skills they will require for the 21st century workforce:

- Critical creative thinking
- Collaboration
- Problem solving



Click on this link to see our vision come to life: <http://bit.ly/2uOVFqA>

iPads and the Curriculum

Shared iPad classes will use their iPads in a way that considers learning requirements, health and safety each day. They will be used as one of many tools for learning. Students will still require school books and pencils according to their booklist. Learning is personalised for each student across a balanced curriculum.

The use of an iPad has not replaced the fundamental early year's experiences that children require to develop fine, gross motor and social skills. With our balanced curriculum, iPads provide an important tool for teachers to provide 21st century learning experiences, giving added voice and choice for a learner-centered teaching approach

Apps

Parents/Carers will need an Apple ID to enrol in our *iTunes U* course to follow each post to purchase all *Core Apps* and *Year Level* specific Apps at home. *Family Sharing* enables Apps to be shared between family members and do not need to be purchased more than once to keep the cost to a minimum.

You may load other apps on the iPad for use at home to be kept in a folder labelled "Home" as long as there is a minimum of 24Gb available for school use.

Device Requirements

If purchasing a new iPad:

- iPad 5th gen full size

32GB or higher capacity, enough available space for school-related files to use at least 24GB.

If using an existing iPad:

- iPad Air or Air 2

Please ensure your child's iPad can take the latest iOS 11.

iOS11 was released in Sept 2017 – iPad 3rd and 4th gen will not be able to take this upgrade.

Click here to find out which iPad model your child has:

<http://apple.co/2qXVG6P>

- Over the ear headphones
- Protective case (covering front and back)
- Waterproof carry case and stylus (optional)

***The life span of an iPad is approximately 3-4 years.**

iPad Purchasing – Family Funded Program

Apple offers special iPad pricing for students attending our school. This special pricing is available for purchases made at Apple Stores, through our school's customised online store <http://apple.co/2rNp9BI> or via the Apple contact centre. If

you are purchasing in-store or over the phone just let the Store know our school's name; Algester State School. Finance options are also available for purchases if you are purchasing at an Apple Store or online. You can also visit your local Apple Store, or call 133-622 to purchase through our contact centre. To find your local Apple store visit www.apple.com/au/retail Some retailers may be able to offer you a payment plan.

Insurance

Parents are encouraged to provide personal insurance for their devices. Check with your preferred insurance company about personal insurance at home and to and from school for your iPad. You may want to investigate an extended Apple Care+ for iPad. For more information, visit <http://www.apple.com/au/support/products/ipad.html>

Transporting From Home To School

In transit, all iPads must be in a protective case inside their school bag. Water bottles should not be carried in same section.

- iPads travel to school every day in a secure and safe manner
- In a sturdy iPad case
- Zipped in school bag or iPad carry bag
- iPads are not to be used before school, after school, whilst on school property (this includes no use at Before/After School Care).

During the Day

- iPads will be stored in the classroom whilst not in use.

- Each student must adhere to the Classroom iPad Rules
- iPads come to school charged. Charger should not come to school.
- Students involved in extra-curricular clubs that require iPad access will be granted access under teacher supervision.

General Care of the iPad

General Precautions

- Food or drink should not be next to your iPad when in use.
- Cords, cables, and removable storage must be inserted into, and removed from the iPad carefully.

Screen Care

The screen can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. They are particularly susceptible to damage from excessive pressure and can be costly to repair.

- Do not lean on the top of the iPad.
- Do not place anything near the iPad that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the carry case that will press against the cover.
- Regularly clean the screen with a soft, dry cloth or anti-static cloth.

Battery Maintenance

The battery life of portable devices is improving as technological enhancements are made. To get the most out of the battery life of the iPads, follow these simple tips:

- Reduce the screen brightness to a comfortable level
- Disable connectivity such as WiFi and Bluetooth when not in use
- Lock the iPad screen when not in use
- Close all running Apps when not in use

Other Privately Owned Devices

Only Apple iPads will be able to be used in the Shared iPad Program. Algester State School will not sanction any other privately owned devices connecting to the school network. This exclusion includes all other private iPads, and mobile devices. The policy has been enacted to prevent exposure of the school network to security risks.



Shared iPad program FAQs

Q: Why allow only iPads and no other mobile devices or laptops?

A: We believe in a consistent approach to ensure best productivity with regards to maximising student learning outcomes and providing technical support to students and parents when necessary.

Q: How much of the day will the iPads be used?

A: Each school day has different routines with different learning experiences, as such the iPad will be used as an agile educational tool that enhances the curriculum. Teachers plan and deliver a range of lessons that require different tools, the iPad is just one of them.

Q: Will the students still be using pencil and paper as well as handwriting?

A: Yes, students will still continue to use pencil and paper and to practise handwriting.

Q: How will I know which apps to purchase for my child?

A: Apps will need to be purchased and downloaded at home using the students own Apple ID. We can provide some technical support at school if the need arises. You will find information on which Apps your child will need by enrolling in the [DigitAlger Shared iPad Program](#). This iTunes U course has direct links to the apps your child will require. The course code is EED-RMR-YPK. You will need to download the [iTunes App](#) from the App store on any Apple device (won't work with Android devices).

Q: Will I be expected to purchase a brand new iPad and do I have to purchase from a particular store e.g. Apple?

A: No, you can choose to use an iPad that you already own or purchase a used iPad as long it meets the device requirements. We will not recommend a store where you can purchase an iPad. We do not endorse any one store however the Apple Family Funded Program may assist with a discounted purchase price and support to setup the device.

Q: Should we purchase a case/cover for the iPad and if so, which one should we buy?

A: Yes, a case/cover is required for your child's iPad. A fully enclosed case with a clear tempered glass screen protector or a hammer tight glass cover may be the most protective case for an iPad. We recommend that the case should protect both the front and back of the iPad.

Q: Is a separate keyboard required?

A: A separate keyboard is not required.

Q: Will students continue to have access to computers and other technologies?

A: Yes. All students at Algester will continue to have access to computer labs and other relevant technologies to support them with their learning.

Q: Can my child bring a 3G enabled iPad?

A: Yes, without the SIM.

Q: When buying a Pre-owned iPad, what do I need to be aware of?

A: Every iPad has a serial number and with this number, Apple track the date and place of purchase, length of any remaining warranty, and whether it has been reported as stolen. Before buying a used iPad, it may be worthwhile noting the serial number and contacting Apple Care. All iPads need to meet the school's device requirements.

Q: Is my child required to know their Apple ID and password?

A: Children may be expected to know their Apple ID passwords as we roll out learning platforms such as iTunes U student courses. Please ensure you have set up Family Sharing> Ask to Buy, so children cannot purchase Apps without your permission.

Q: I can't remember the passcode that is set on my iPad and it is locked. How do I unlock it?

A: You will need to contact Apple to assist you.

Q: When do I need to update the iOS?

A: You will need to regularly update to the latest iOS operating system and App updates. This should be done whenever new updates become available.

Organise a weekly iPad check-in with your child's device to ensure they have the latest iOS and that all Apps are up-to-date.

Q: What iPad Settings should I use?

A: Please refer to the Settings area on the iTunes U course.

Q: How will my child use the internet at school?

A: Internet access is provided by Education Queensland's Managed Internet Service (MIS) and provides students with:

- ***Content-filtered Internet access***
- ***Virus-filtered email***