

2026/27 Device Requirements

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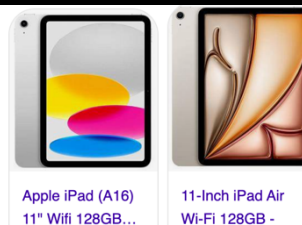
Purchasing a new iPad – Recommended Device

Make: Apple

Model: iPad A16, 11-inch Wi-Fi Only/ iPad Air 11-inch Wi-Fi Only

Storage: 128GB

Extras: Screen Protector, Case with Keyboard



Education iLearn (BYOD) Purchasing Portals

Ascot State School does not recommend or endorse any specific supplier. Families are welcome to purchase devices and accessories from a retailer of their choice.

To assist families, the school has arranged access to education purchasing portals that offer recommended device bundles and accessory options. Families may customise their selections as required.

JB HI-FI Education

Linked Access Portal: <https://byod.jbhifi.education/>

School BYOD Code: ASCOTSTATE

Queensland Computer BYOx

Linked Access Portal: TBC

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Using an existing/pre-owned iPad – workable models

Families may use an existing iPad provided it meets the minimum requirements below.

Make & Model:

- Apple iPad (9th Generation) Wi-Fi Only or newer
- Apple iPad Air (5th Generation) Wi-Fi Only or newer

Storage:

- 64GB minimum
- 128GB or higher (**recommended for longevity**)

Recommended Accessories:

- Keyboard case
- Screen protector



iPad 9th Generation Wi-Fi Only



iPad Air 5th Generation Wi-Fi Only

Software Requirements

Devices must be capable of running the latest version of iPadOS and all school-required applications. The Department of Education recommends planning for a BYOD device lifespan of approximately 3–4 years. Families should ensure devices are updated to the latest version of iPadOS at least once per term.

All student devices must be **Wi-Fi Only**. Devices with cellular (4G/5G) capability are not required, and students must not access mobile data services while at school.

Required Devices and Accessories

Keyboard Cases

Keyboard cases make writing tasks and general class work a lot easier than using the on-screen keyboard.

It is preferred that **ALL** students have a keyboard case (**with a built-in trackpad preferred, or an external mouse**) to support learning activities and improve productivity.

Keyboard cases **should not** require disposable or replaceable batteries. Rechargeable keyboards that charge directly from the iPad or via USB-C are preferred. Additional options are also available via the purchasing portals.



Protective Cases

In the small number of cases where a keyboard case is not used, students must have a heavy-duty protective case with a front screen cover. Cases should provide adequate shock protection for everyday school use. Novelty, decorative, or slimline cases are **not recommended** as they may not provide sufficient protection against accidental damage.



Headphones

Students require wired over-ear headphones with a built-in microphone to support online learning, recording activities, and classroom use.

Depending on the iPad model, families may require:

- USB-C headphones; or
- Standard 3.5mm headphones with a USB-C adapter; or
- Standard 3.5mm headphones with a Lightning adapter (older devices only).

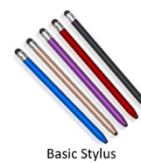
Bluetooth headphones are **discouraged** for classroom use.



Optional Accessories

Stylus

An Apple Pencil or stylus is not required but may assist students with digital worksheets, note-taking, and annotation tasks. Families may choose to purchase a stylus if desired or on the recommendation of their child's classroom teacher. A basic stylus is suitable for most educational activities.



Mouse

Some students prefer using an external mouse.
Recommended: Logitech M196 or the Logitech M240 (silent touch).



Apple Care and Warranty

BYOD devices are not covered by school insurance for accidental damage, loss, or theft. Families may wish to consider AppleCare+ or an equivalent warranty and protection plan for additional peace of mind.