



2026 Device Requirements

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Purchasing a new iPad

We recommend:

- iPad 11th Gen
- Wifi only model
- Standard Size (11 inch)
- 128GB is the minimum storage
- a screen protector



JB HI-FI Education Solutions

We are unable to recommend a specific supplier. Families may purchase a device from their location of choice.

JB-HI have created a purchase portal for Ascot SS families with several alternatives for payment, insurance, cases and optional extras.

<https://byod.jbhifi.education/>

School BYOD Code:	ASCOTSTATE
School BYOD Password:	ASCOTSTATEADMIN

Using an Existing iPad – workable models

iPads brought to school under the BYOD resourcing model, must:

- be capable of updating to minimum (**iOS – currently iOS17**) operating system
- we **strongly recommend** the WIFI only models
 - Cellular – SIM Card **must** be removed
 - 4G/5G access by students at school is strictly prohibited

NOTE: Refer to Apple Support to find if the existing iPad can run iPadOS17 <http://apple.co/2qXVG6P>

Workable models:

- Recommend a screen protector for all iPads
- iPad – 8th Generation or higher
- iPad Air 4th Generation or higher, including iPad Air (M2)
- iPad Pro 11” 1st generation or higher
- iPad Pro 12.9” 3rd generation or higher
- While the minimum 32GB storage is suitable, a higher level of storage is more beneficial in the long term. **64GB is preferred.**
- **NOTE:** Due to the screen size not meeting recommendations by the Australian Curriculum and Reporting Authority, **we do not support the use of the iPad Mini models.**
- To see comparisons between models - Apple ‘[Compare the iPad models](#)’ page.

Required Devices and Accessories

1. Keyboard Cases

- Keyboard cases make writing tasks and general classwork a lot easier than using the on-screen keyboard.
- Please ensure keyboard cases do not require replaceable batteries e.g. button batteries. Refer to: [Safety Standards-ACCC](#)
- Preference – for keyboard to charge with the iPad, rather than a separate charging cable
- A waterproof bag (eg: library bags) are recommended for travel purposes (when necessary)



Protective Cases

- In some circumstances where families are unable to provide a keyboard case. The iPad must have a sturdy case with an added front cover screen.
- Please consider purchasing a good quality heavy-duty, shock-proof case, to protect your investment. Avoid novelty cases or slimline cases designed for adult-users, as they are unlikely to protect from damage in case of accidents.



2. Headphones

We recommend students use **over-ear headphones**, ideally with a built-in microphone to assist with audio recording quality.

Your student will need either:

- USB-C headphones (a cheaper option), or
- Bluetooth headphones (these are more expensive)
 - **NOTE:** Headphones are no longer on the student booklist for students in Year 3 and 5
 - You may need to purchase a connector depending on your iPad model (e.g., lightning to 3.5mm headphone jack connector for Gen 9 or prior or a USB-C to 3.5mm headphone jack connector for Gen 11 if necessary).



Optional Devices and Accessories

1. **Stylus** - while an Apple pencil or stylus isn't required, it's helpful for digital worksheets and annotations. This may be something families decide to purchase if warranted or on advice from your classroom teacher. A basic stylus is also acceptable. Some Stylus options are available to purchase through the JB Hi-Fi Education Solutions Portal. Not initially required.



2. **Apple Care and Device Insurance** - BYOD devices are not covered by the school's insurances in the case of damage loss or theft. You may like to consider AppleCare or equivalent.