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## CONNECTED LEARNING IPAD PROGRAM- 2021

### IPad management options: Year 6

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At Samford State School, staff use a range of strategies and resources, including digital technologies, to prepare students for the challenges of tomorrow. Access to technologies allows teachers to remove barriers and enhance learning outcomes for all students.

Our *Connected Learning iPad Program* was introduced in 2019 and continues to be improved and refined. Last year, many parents expressed a desire to have more autonomy on how devices are used outside-of-school hours. We require you to confirm your 2021 preferences for the following questions.

#### How would you like the device to be managed?

- Would you like additional filtering?
- Would you like access to the App Store?

#### When would you like the device to come home?

Once you have indicated your 2021 preferences, signed the agreement and returned this form, we will update your child's iPad. Please ensure you have read and understood the details of each option's implications, to assist you in making an informed decision. If you find your preferences change throughout the year, please direct your email to [jsutt@eq.edu.au](mailto:jsutt@eq.edu.au).

If you would like to discuss these options further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Jayde Sutton  
Connected Learning Teacher  
Monday-Wednesday

Please complete the following details and return to your child's class teacher.

Child's name:	Parent/Caregiver's name:
Child's class:	Parent/Caregiver's signature:

- I have read and understood the options available.  
 I am aware of the responsibilities of the options I have chosen and agree to the details provided.

#### 1. IPAD MANAGEMENT Please choose between School managed OR Parent managed.

**SCHOOL MANAGED**

- YES Light speed Internet filter OR  NO filter. *I understand that in not choosing the additional online filter, that my child's device is not monitored and has unrestricted internet access when used outside of school hours.*

- YES App Store access OR  NO App Store access

**PARENT MANAGED**

#### 2. IPAD STORAGE Please indicate when you would like your child to bring their device home.

- EACH NIGHT  END OF WEEK  TERM BREAKS ONLY  REMAIN AT SCHOOL



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## IPAD MANAGEMENT YEAR 6

How would you like your child's device to be managed?

### SCHOOL MANAGED DEVICE

**We strongly recommend allowing the school to manage devices.**

School managed devices allow us to remotely have access to operating systems and apps to support your child if issues arise and to ensure there is no barrier to your child's learning during the day.

Our onsite technicians are able to support your child's device and ensure it always has the latest software and Apps that their teacher requests. If school-managed iPads have technical difficulties at school, our technicians are able to provide assistance. Their iPads are temporarily swapped for a school iPad while the original device is fixed.

Families are responsible for taking parent purchased devices to the Apple Store if required.

<b>Compulsory program cost</b>	Device management, deployment and software
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile Device Management= \$14</li> <li>• Apps= \$40</li> <li>• Administration, charging and secure storage= \$28.90</li> </ul>
<b>Total: \$82.90</b>	<i>These program costs are a one-off payment at the start of the program. This costing is not applicable for our current Year 5 students who have already paid program fees.</i>

### LIGHTSPEED INTERNET FILTERING

Whilst at school, students are protected by strict internet filtering software used on the Education Queensland networks. These are constantly managed and updated to ensure your child only has access to age appropriate content. These filters are a barrier for inappropriate content however with the rapid pace of new technologies being developed, direct supervision is always necessary. Outside of school networks, we recommend that students are also always directly supervised when using devices and additional internet filtering software is utilised to ensure your child is safe when using their device.

<b>Light Speed Filter</b>	Light Speed Filtering software (formally known as RELAY) offers internet filtering for your child's device when they are not on our school network. This filter is cloud based and is set up and monitored wirelessly on your child's device. This filter will not affect any other device in the household or require hardware at your home. Light Speed filtering has been voted one of the best cloud based filters on the market and was purposely designed for use on student devices.
<b>Total: \$16</b>	<b><i>We highly recommend the installation of this software.</i></b>

<b>No filter</b>	If the additional internet filtering software option is not chosen, all outside-of-school internet filtering is the responsibility of the family. Student's devices are not secure when accessing the internet and will need to be directly supervised to ensure they are only accessing age appropriate content.
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### APP STORE ACCESS

There is a core set of applications plus year-level specific apps required. On school managed devices, Apps are managed through a Mobile Device Management (MDM) system. Through bulk purchasing, we purchase apps for half the listed prices. Parents may prefer more autonomy over their child's device. We can approve access for the App Store. This allows families to download Apps that they would like their child to have when using their device at home. To ensure only age appropriate content is accessed, students would be limited to apps that have an age rating less than 15 years.

	Details	Responsibilities
<b>No App Store</b>	Devices will not have access to the App store. Only Apps approved for the year level will be deployed to the device by the school.	Required Apps are managed (purchased, deployed and updated) by the school.
<b>App Store</b> We recommend this option, as it allows devices to be tracked, using the 'Find My iPad'.	Devices are App store enabled with access to age appropriate Apps. The App Store cannot be accessed at school, as this is not accessible on the Department of Education network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Required Apps are managed (purchased, deployed and updated) by the school.</li> <li>• Parents are able to add age-appropriate apps via the app store.</li> <li>• Creation of a child Apple ID required, plus payment and approval methods.</li> <li>• All home-purchased apps can be shared using Family Sharing.</li> <li>• Additional internet filtering is highly recommended to ensure student safety off the school network</li> </ul>



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## PARENT MANAGED DEVICE

*It is important for you to understand the responsibilities and implications of taking up this option.*

For families who have previously had their device managed by the school, we need to delete the Mobile Device Management software. To do this, your child's device will be restored to factory settings deleting all Apps and data. You will need to purchase all required Apps at full cost through the App store. We are unable to provide a refund for the previously purchased program fees.

**You will be responsible for:**

- ☞ maintaining and updating Apps and iOS frequently.
- ☞ providing all technical support when issues arise at school. We are able to provide support for issues relating to internet access however we are unable to provide support relating to iPad software that require updating.
- ☞ resolving all technology issues in a timely manner.

We are unable to provide you with access to additional Light speed internet filtering software.

Students may be disadvantaged if technical issues arise during the school day.

<b>Compulsory program cost</b>	<i>These program costs are a one-off payment at the start of the program. This costing is not applicable for our current Year 5 students who have already paid program fees.</i> <b>Administration, charging and secure storage= \$28.90</b>
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<b>App Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All apps are managed by the parents. Any new, missing or updates of school apps are requested via a teacher email.</li> <li>• Parents are ultimately responsible for the apps chosen on the device.</li> <li>• Parents will be responsible for purchasing the core set of Apps required for their child's year level.</li> <li>• Limitations set by parents (e.g. Apple Music, Podcasts, etc), including screen time choices.</li> <li>• Creation of a child Apple ID required, plus payment and approval methods.</li> </ul> <p>The App Store cannot be accessed at school, as this is not accessible on the Department of Education network.</p> <p><b>Parents responsible for off-site security, supervision and updates.</b></p>
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## IPAD STORAGE

When would you like your child's device to come home?

EACH NIGHT	END OF WEEK	TERM BREAKS ONLY	REMAIN AT SCHOOL
Devices (iPad, Apple Pencil) come home each afternoon and are brought back each morning (fully charged).	Devices (iPad, Apple Pencil) come home Friday afternoon and are brought back Monday morning (fully charged). They also go home during the holidays.	Devices (iPad, Apple Pencil) remain at school during the term. They come home over the term breaks and are brought back to school fully charged.	Devices (iPad, Apple Pencil) remain secured and charged, at school.

**Please note:** Some teachers have expressed their interest in providing homework digitally this year. This will be communicated by individual teachers via their class emails.

If taking the device home, we highly recommend the additional Light speed internet filter is added for internet browsing.

**If the filter option has not been chosen, all outside-of-school internet filtering is the responsibility of the family.**

**Student's devices are not secure and will need to be directly supervised to ensure they are only accessing age appropriate content on the internet.**