MEL MARIA
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Mel Maria Catholic Primary School
2026 BYOD Program

Technology at Mel Maria Catholic Primary

Children today are growing up in a world that is different to the one we grew up in. They have been born into a world where technology is an integral part of everyday life. We need to create students who are lifelong learners, innovators and responsible global citizens. Our children need to be equipped with the skills of critical and creative thinking, communication, and collaboration.

iPads allow our students to become authors, movie directors, graphic designers, coders and artists. The iPad enables students to develop technology skills using both Apple and Microsoft tools.

iPads do not replace teaching. Teachers still teach and students still use pen and paper and read books from the school library.

Device: iPad

iPad Cover

We recommend the following specıfıcations

- The current generation iPad -A16 chip. Older iPad models can be used as long as they support the latest iPadOS 18. 7.1. iPad minis are not suitable.
- Wi-Fi only
- **128Gb of storage is recommended,** however, 64GB can be used as long as students monitor the space available on their device. All students have access to 200GB of storage in their personal OneDrive account. This is part of the Office 365 suite provided to all staff and students by the Catholic Education Office Western Australia.
- Depending on the model of iPad, It can be used up to Year 6 as long as it supports Apple IOS upgrades.

ıPads should be be brought to and from school in a secure case. A strong case will assist in minimising breakages and other mishaps that may occur on the journey to and from school as well as during class. Cases with keyboards are recommended. However external keyboards can be purchased.

It is essential the case covers the edges of the iPad and the screen so that if an iPad is dropped on the screen, it will reduce the impact on the glass.

We also recommend a case that allows the children to easily access headphones and charging ports as these are features that will be utilised regularly.

Headphones

Students will be required to supply their own headphones for school to allow them to fully utilise the many multimedia features of their device. We recommend a cheap pair, and these are available at most stores.

The type of headphones is a personal choice, however, we do recommend over the ear headphones. These allow children to block out external sounds and the volume does not need to be turned up as loud in order to hear.

Apple ID

iPads do not require an Apple ID. All educational apps will automatically be pushed out to students' devices via the Self-Service Portal.

However, students have access to a student Apple ID account provided by the Catholic Education Office Western Australia. This is a special educational account which provides 200GB of iCloud storage. **The account does not allow purchases from the Apple Store.**

Parents wishing to install non school apps will require an Apple ID. The school recommends parents set up a Family Sharing account. This will allow parents to lock the App Store and only allow apps which they have approved to be downloaded from the App Store. More information can be found in the link - https://www.apple.com/family-sharing/

Microsoft Account

The Catholic Education Office Western Australia has purchased a Microsoft license for all students in the school. Students have access to Microsoft Office 365 for Education

- Word
- PowerPoint
- Excel
- Teams
- OneNote

Year 3 students will receive their Microsoft accounts at the start of 2026.

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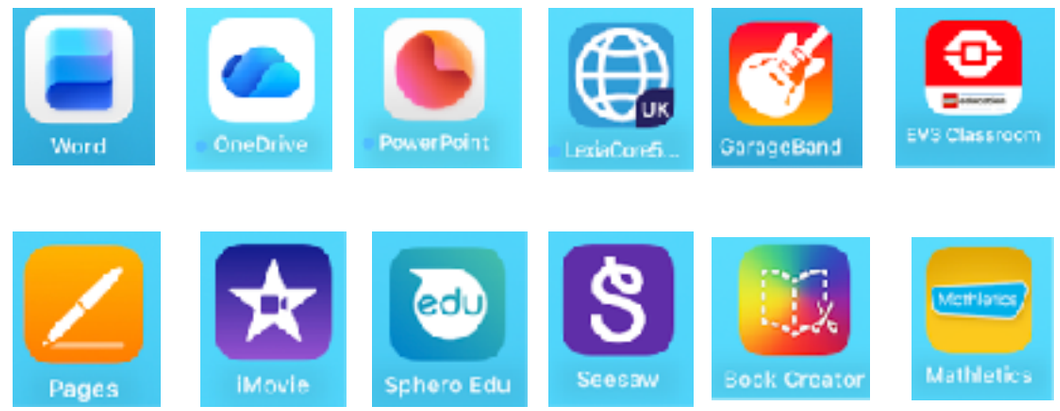
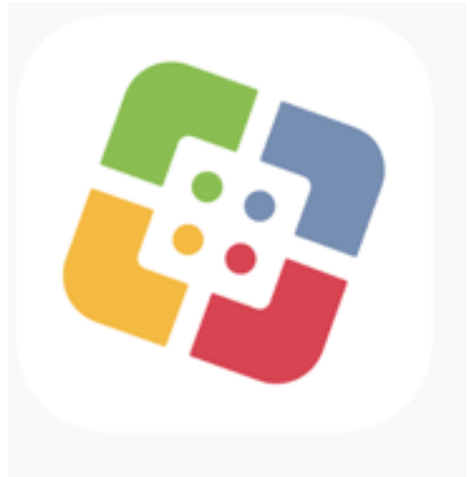
Apps

Students have access to apps for word processing, book creating, movie making, coding, music, drawing and a lot more.

Once the iPad has been setup at school, all school required apps will be available in the Jamf Self Service portal. Apple accounts are not required.



Device Management



Jamf Self Service App

Mel Maria utilises the Apple Mobile Device Management (MDM) system known as ‘Jamf Pro’ to manage all school devices including student iPads in the BYOD program for Years 3 - 6. This system enables the school to apply custom settings, profile and educational applications to every device.

Once Jamf is installed on your child's device, the Self Service app, which acts as a repository for all school related applications, will automatically appear on the device. Students can effortlessly choose apps from this list and they will be automatically installed on their iPads, even if they don’t possess an Apple ID. It is important to note that during the first week of Term 1, 2026, all school apps will become available in the Self Service portal.

The school cannot monitor your child’s device when it is off school WI-FI.

The MDM profile will be removed from the device when the student leaves the school.

Jamf also provides parents a free app to apply restrictions and monitor their child’s device. More information can be found in the “Parental Controls” section of this booklet.

Setting Up Your New iPad

To ensure your new iPad is properly configured for school use, please follow these steps:

- **Before Initial Setup**: After purchasing the new iPad, bring it to school. The school's Mobile Device Management (MDM) system will be linked to the device. This step is essential to ensure that all school-related requirements are correctly installed, including Wi-Fi settings and all necessary school apps.

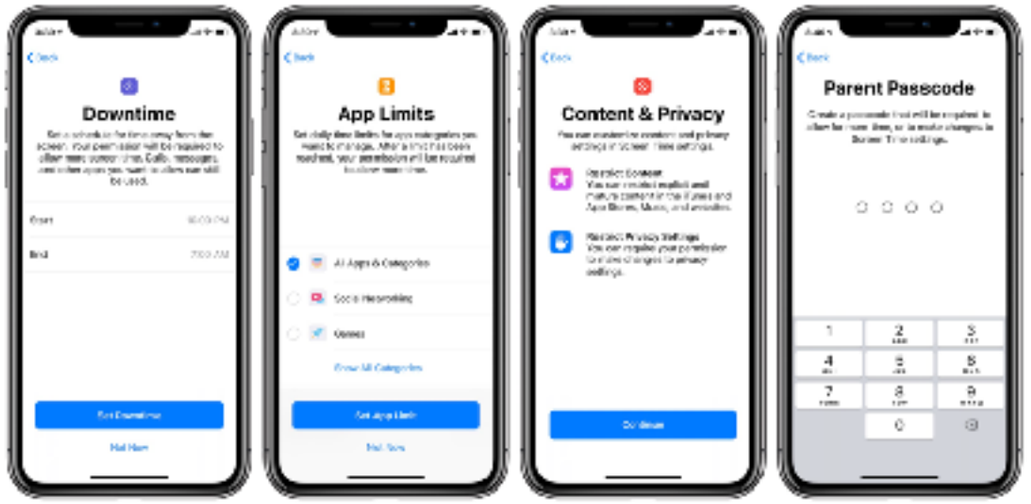
- **School Profile Integration:** By linking the iPad with the school's MDM, it will be initially configured with the school profile. This configuration provides additional functions that benefit both students and parents. For instance, it allows for easy passcode resets, the ability to disable app installation and removal, management of app usage, application of restrictions, activation of "Lost Mode" in case the iPad is misplaced or stolen and more. This setup also provides access to the full range of functions available in Jamf Parent, enabling parents to set restrictions and apply rules to their child's iPad.

- **Existing iPads:** If your child already owns an iPad, please backup the photos and documents and wipe the iPad(Restore to factory settings) before bringing it to school. Once the school profile is installed, apps and content can be copied to the device. This will ensure the iPad works perfectly at school and you will have full access to the 'Jamf Parent' app to apply restrictions to your child's device.

Restoring an iPad to Factory setting.

When your child brings their device home, you can install their own apps using your family's Apple ID.
If at any time your child's device is replaced, please notify the school as the new device must be re-registered and setup at school before it is used.

Parental Controls



iPad Parental Controls

It is important parents set restrictions on their child's device to prevent them from purchasing apps, music from the Apple Store, accessing apps and setting age restrictions. This can be done using the setting available on the device. More information can be found on the **Apple Parental Controls** website: https://support.apple.com/en-au/105121

Jamf Parent is another application which can be used to monitor and restrict the apps and functions on their child's device. It is available free to all parents of the school. Device rules can be applied to the iPad to schedule homework or bedtime and a lot more. Settings applied will not affect the functionality of the device at school. Parents control their child's device using the Jamf Parent app which can be installed on an iPhone or Android phone. **Please note:** Jamf Parent will only work if the iPad has been initially setup by the school. Settings applied at setup, enable parents to apply restrictions and set rules using the Jamf Parent app. More information can be found in the following link on the right.

Please contact the school if you would like assistance in setting up Jamf Parent or using the Apple parental controls on the iPad.

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Jamf Parent

Once the iPad has been linked to Jamf, parents can follow the instructions below to apply restrictions:

https://www.jamf.com/resources/product-documentation/jamf-parent-guide-for-parents/

Social Media Restrictions

Australian Government

eSafetyCommissioner

The Australian Government is protecting young Australians through world - first social media age restrictions taking effect on 10 December. Social media platforms will not be allowed to let children under the age of 16 create or keep an account.

To help parents, the eSafety Commissioner has created a ‘Social media age restriction’ hub. The hub is a valuable source of information helping parents and educators navigate through the new restrictions.

The Hub includes:
- Information for families
- Which platforms are age -restricted
- Webinars
- Frequently asked questions

And a lot more.

Click on the picture to access the eSafety restrictions hub

JB HI-FI School Portal

Parents are free to purchase their iPad from any retailer, however, to assist you in purchasing the device and accessories, Mel Maria Catholic Primary School has partnered with JB HI-FI to offer families a discounted price on selected items. Please note these prices are available though the BYOD portal below:

Better learning is just a click away

JB Hi-Fi Education's Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program is the easy way to purchase education-specific laptops, tablets and accessories that are designed for the rigours of student life.

- Access to a dedicated purchasing portal with products specifically approved by your university.
- Buy now pay later options available.
- Extended warranty and insurance options.

Scan here to access the BYOD portal

JB HI-FI Education

Follow the step-by-step guide:

Step 1	Go to https://byod.jbhifi.education/ or scan the QR code at the left of the page
Step 2	Enter your school code: melmaria2026
Step 3	Once logged in, select a student program.
Step 4	Follow the prompts to choose your device and accessories, as well as optional extended warranty and insurance.
Step 5	Enter your personal details.
Step 6	Choose your preferred delivery method: at home or pick up in a JB Hi-Fi store.
Step 7	Select a payment method and complete your order.
Step 8	If you have any questions, contact us at https://byod.jbhfi.education or 1300 746 752 (Option 6)

Care of iPads

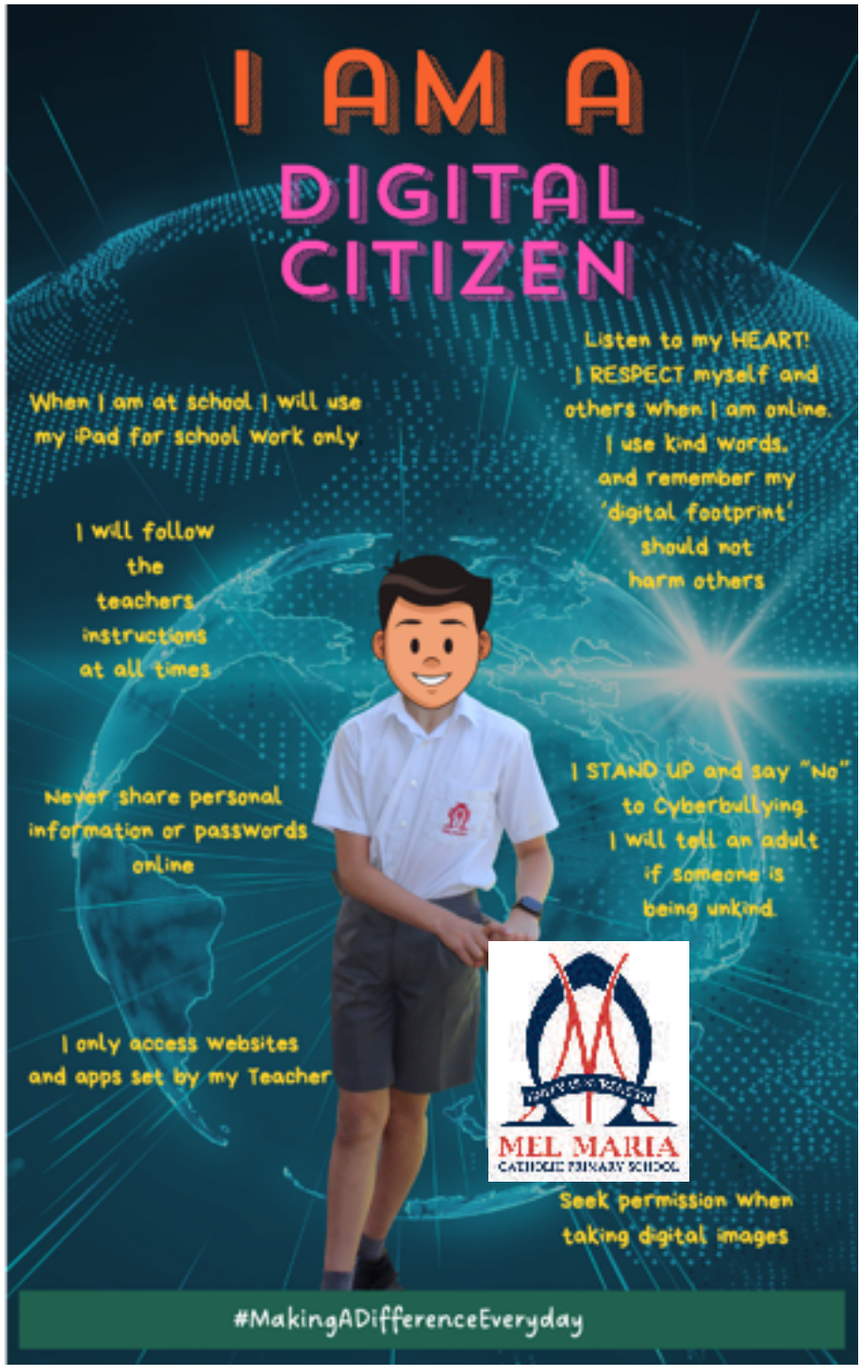
We recognise that iPads are a significant investment for parents in their child's education and as such take every care to ensure the devices are well looked after at school.

iPads must be carried to and from school in their bag and must have a cover which protects the front and back of the device.

We ask that iPads are brought fully charged to school each day. iPads are not allowed to be used during recess or lunch, as we encourage students to go outside and play.

Be Kind and Considerate

Technology is a part of our children's lives and we must teach them to be good global citizens. At Mel Maria Catholic Primary School we work with the students to ensure they understand the importance of being a good digital citizen.



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