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Palmerston Christian School is a learning community which aims to serve families and students through the process of nurturing and educating children in an environment where Christ is central, thereby enabling them to be the people that God has called them to be.

Why iPads...

The mobile learning device Palmerston Christian School (PCS) has chosen to utilise is the Apple iPad. This is a school provided unit.

The iPad is fast becoming accepted as a 21st Century learning tool among educators and our own trials saw very positive reactions to the iPad from both students and teachers.

We are aware that the iPad is not a complete solution to ICT needs but it is a powerful tool for using within a 1-1 ICT access scheme. Key features that have led us to choose the iPad include its long battery life, good screen-size, and portability (including weight).

Educational iPad research has identified the following exciting and promising outcomes:

- Instant access...
 - Internet
 - eBooks
 - Other content
- Organisation...
 - Calendar
 - Emails
 - Reference on hand
- Educationally...
 - The ability for students to annotate, or make notes on the electronic copy of their textbooks on their iPad.
 - Increased engagement
 - Effective means to deliver, and consume, content with reduced paper usage
- Educational applications (Apps) available that are engaging students in their studies more effectively by making learning fun and interesting.
- Other great features include...
 - Personalisation
 - Portability
 - Power (easily last a full day of use)

In preparing our students for a life after PCS, we believe we have an opportunity to assist our students in developing self-management practices and strategies to ensure they remain focused on required tasks, and learn to manage themselves. We believe that guiding this learning will prepare our students for life after PCS where they will have the ability to continue their learning journey as they commence tertiary study or enter the workforce.

Expectations of students – Be Ready to Learn with (or without) the iPad

The iPad doesn't replace the rest of the learning experiences and opportunities that we offer at PCS. Key iPad specific expectations of PCS students in the iPad programme are:

- Bring the iPad in its case to school each day, charged and ready to use. You shouldn't need to use your charger at school and the school does not want that to happen.
- Store the iPad in a secured place e.g. a *locked* locker when at PE or during activities not requiring this device.
- Take care of the device to avoid physical damage.
- Use the device in a responsible manner and comply with 'close and put away requests' from teachers.
- Ensure that photographs and content do not infringe upon the students ability to do school work. (This includes having sufficient free space.)
- In class, I will complete and sign the condition report for my iPad, charger and cord, and will sign the student section of the condition report. I will take the condition report home and have my parent/guardian sign it. I will return the report the next day.

Cyber-safety and Cyber-citizenship

On the issue of cyber-safety, PCS will continue to:

- Educate students on safe and responsible internet and social media use.
- Filter content accessed by students while at school.
- Limit and educate students about the appropriate use of social media sites (Facebook, Twitter etc).

At PCS we try to also challenge students in the following cyber-capabilities:

- Digital media literacy
- Positive online behaviour
- Peer and personal safety
- e-Security

iPads at Home

It is expected that all students take their allocated iPad home and bring it to school each day fully charged. Students will frequently have homework and/or assessments that will require the use of the iPad.

When the iPad is at home, Palmerston Christian School recommends the following:

- The iPads should be used in an open area, where it can be visually monitored by parent/guardians.
- Invite and encourage your child to show you what tools they have been using. Parents will have access to the device and should know the passcode and how to navigate and use the device.
- Restrict access to the device if it is not being used in an appropriate manner.
- If you are concerned about controlling the content that can be accessed from home, we encourage you consider Open DNS (www.opendns.com) as a good content filter system for home networks. It is free, works with most ADSL modems (home WiFi routers) and has a simple web-based management tool.

iPad Acceptable Use Policy

Students (and other users, including parents) are expected to adhere to the following conditions when using the iPad. If these conditions are breached, students risk losing iPad privileges and may have additional consequences.

While students are encouraged to explore and discover methods utilising this technology effectively within the schooling context, they are expected to refrain from:

- Sharing their passcode with anyone other than their parents or a delegated representative of PCS.
- Copying and/or downloading (or sharing) of commercial software or other media (e.g. music/video) in violation of copyright.
- Using this device for commercial trade.
- Using this device for gambling.
- Using this device to participate in illegal activities (e.g. hacking or spamming).
- Accessing pornographic or obscene content with this device.
- Accessing another student's iPad without their express consent.
- Attempting to bypass the network security at the school.
- Leaving the device unattended (e.g. store in a secure locker when it's not needed for a lesson. Lockers are not considered secure for overnight storage).

iTunes

An iTunes account is not necessary as all applications are already loaded onto the iPads. **Students will not be able to modify the iPads to have any non-school applications.**

Cost

There is no direct charge to the Parent/Guardian for the use of the iPad. School iPads are formatted with no access to acquire any additional applications without being loaded through the school's device management system.

Warranty

The iPad is covered for the first 12 months by the standard Apple warranty. Further information on the Apple warranty can be found at <http://www.apple.com/au/support/ipad/service/faq/>.

Repairs and replacements for the iPad under this warranty can only be accessed by PCS. Replacement iPads will be available for students to use if their iPad is being repaired under warranty.

Damage, Mistreatment & Insurance

Students who damage the device due to negligence will be charged for the replacement of the device. This also applies if the device is lost.

You may be able to include the iPad in your normal home insurance – please check with your insurer.

If the iPad or accessories have to be completely replaced the following maximum charges will apply:

- iPad : \$ 439
- iPad Cover : \$ 59
- iPad Charger : \$ 58
- 1. Replacement of screen (cracked/chipped): \$139-\$200. Extensive screen damage causing damage to hardware: \$439

Frequently asked questions...

Who owns the iPad?

iPads provided by PCS, under this programme remain the property of the school. The iPad must be returned in full working order and with all charger parts when the student leaves the school. iPad's also need to be returned at any time requested and at the end of the school year for reimaged for the beginning of the following year.

What is the level of security (viruses and malware)?

Security Software is installed via the school's device management system which can manage software & settings over the air. At the time of publication, is subject to an approval process by Apple that includes some restrictions on the distribution of inappropriate content and malware (viruses etc). At this point in time, software cannot be installed directly from the internet.

It should be noted that no iPad (or any computing device) can be guaranteed to be 100% secure.

Level of internet filtering?

While using the school WiFi network, all online content will be filtered. Provision of internet security at home or through other devices which provide internet access (e.g. mobile phones with data plans) will be the responsibility of parent/guardian.

Will the iPad work at home with our computers and network?

iPads connect to Windows or Mac computers. They are capable of connecting to any WiFi network, assuming the user has the relevant security pass code/ key.

Level of ICT support by school?

PCS has a ICT support provided by NT Christian Schools, who provide ICT support to staff and students as required.

Further questions?

Contact the school for an appointment or email jill.carter@ntschoools.net.