



2017 iPad Program

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In 2017, it is compulsory for all Year 7, 8 and 9 students at Berwick College to bring an iPad to school as part of their essential booklist. Required textbooks for each subject, where possible, will be digital and curriculum delivered by highly trained and motivated teachers. Parents can order their iPad from the retail store of their choice or students can bring an iPad that they already own. Students will use their iPad, purchased in Year 7, over the course of their high school years or change to a laptop come Year 10. Using an iPad in conjunction with digital textbooks (over the three years) will work out as a very cost effective option for parents when compared to the traditional textbook model, whilst ensuring that students have access to the latest digital learning tools.

The iPad is a transformative learning device. Through the device, students can access a vast range of information and educational apps. It opens up a world of learning where tasks and activities can be tailored to individual student interest and learning styles. Students will have anytime, anywhere access to a suite of digital tools and will be able to communicate and collaborate far more efficiently. They will be able to connect with people and issues all across the globe with a global classroom, whilst completing learning tasks in creative and innovative ways. Using the iPad means that students will no longer have to carry heavy books to and from school. The iPad can also double as a personal device for students to use at home and could be the perfect birthday or Christmas gift. Ultimately, embracing cutting edge technology in the classroom today will help students develop the skills required for success in their real-world futures.

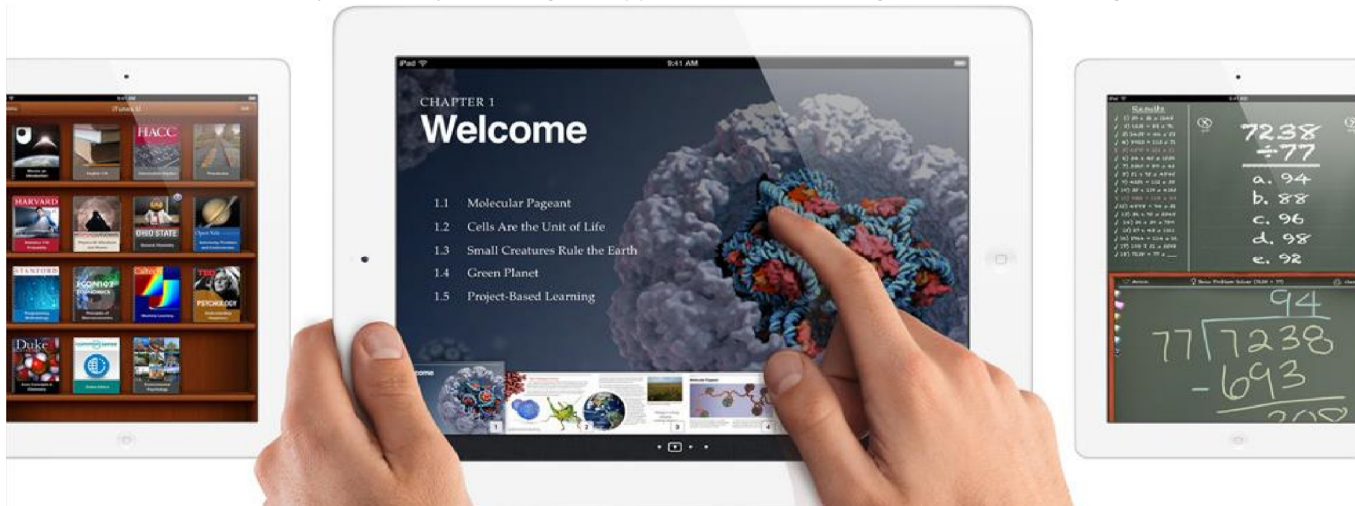
Parents can either acquire a new iPad from a retailer of their choice or bring an iPad that they already own:

1. Purchase from a retailer

- Parents choose their own retailer to source the iPad 2 (or later model)
- Parents can source their own finance options, including interest free periods
- Students must have a suitable case – as heavy-duty as possible
- Parents should carefully consider purchasing the [AppleCare+](#) plan and their own accidental damage and theft insurance option (potentially under home/content insurance)

2. Bring your own iPad 2 (or later model)

- Students who already have an iPad 2 (or later model) bring their device to school with them
- Students must have a suitably durable case
- Parents should carefully consider purchasing the [AppleCare+](#) and sourcing an accidental damage and theft insurance option



In creating the program, our aim was to give parents as much flexibility as possible so that they can choose an option that best fits their circumstances. The following items are compulsory and it is up to the parents discretion as to how they are sourced:

1. **iPad 2 (minimum)** – iPad with Retina Display or an iPad Air is recommended, iPad minis are **not** acceptable
2. **Suitable Case** – should be sturdy enough to withstand daily use and transport to and from school

The following are optional but recommended:

1. **Accidental Damage and Theft Insurance** – parents source their own option or add to home and contents insurance
2. **Suitable Keyboard** – should be easily stored with the iPad and case
3. **Headphones and stylus**
4. **[AppleCare+](#)** – up to two years of expert technical support, hardware coverage and two incidents of accidental damage coverage

Please note: It is the parents' responsibility to ensure that the student comes to school with the required learning tools, so parents should think carefully about what recommended options they select.

You will receive notifications of any further updates and details via the college's website. For all questions and enquiries please don't hesitate to contact:



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