



Flemington Primary School

POLICY FOLDER

CURRICULUM – Personal Devices Parent Payments Policy

Rationale

To ensure the school 1-to-1 learning program where parents pay for personal devices is consistent with the Parent Payment policy and provides equitable access for all students.

Flemington Primary School - School Council approved the introduction of the 1:1 iPad program in 2012, and have ratified the decision annually to progress the rollout to other year levels.

Purpose

In 2012, Flemington Primary School determined a 1:1 model based on the teaching and learning needs of our community and changes in teaching and learning.

The selected 1-to-1 learning model was for a specified device eg, an iPad. This device was selected following extensive research into BYOD learning, the iPad Research Program conducted by DEECD and cost analysis.

The discerning use of digital technologies in the classroom can maximise learning opportunities. Students learn how to engage with the world around them, connect, collaborate, access information and acquire digital skills to participate in life and work. Personal devices are important learning tools. Research shows that there are many benefits to your child having a personal device. A sense of ownership creates a greater connection to using the device for learning, and students can learn anywhere and at any time in a way that suits their needs.

Implementation

Parent information forums will be conducted annually to:

- Provide advice on the 1:1 learning model and preferred device
- Educational benefits and proposed costs of the program
- The rationale for the proposed device
- Details of maintenance, upkeep and insurance
- Specification of preferred device
- Opportunity for questions
- eSmart information sessions for students, teachers and parents.
- Cyber Safety sessions for students, teachers and parents.

Devices

Following extensive research and school based trials, the device selected is an iPad. The specification is:

- iPad less than 3 years old
- WiFi but not cellular { devices will be connected to the school wireless network and eLockers for saving material
- 16Gb minimum

- A selection of free APPS
- A selection of paid APPS – lists will be provided at the beginning of the year
- Protective case

Parents who already have a tablet/iPad are able to supply an existing device.
The device can be full size of a mini iPad.

Support

The school based computer technician will provide setup and maintenance support during school hours. Support is available to parents requiring assistance.

Parent Payments

Parents may choose not to supply a device for their child.

In this situation, the classroom teacher will obtain {attempt to obtain} a school owned computer, laptop, netbook or iPad for the student to use for the specific activity.
The school owns a limited number of laptops, netbooks and iPads and these are used by all students in Prep to Grade 6.

Flemington Primary School has been supported by charitable organisations to supply a limited number of devices for those children whose parents are unable to supply a device for school.

Resources and Links

FPS Parent Payments Policy

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/parentpayments.aspx

www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/management/Pages/personaldev.aspx

FPS Igniting Curiosity

FPS eLearning and ICT Policy

AusVELS - <http://ausvels.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Information-and-Communications-Technology/Overview/Introduction>

This policy was first ratified by School Council in July 2012.

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