



Wi.Tech@CSS iPad program

Wi.Tech iPad Program Requirements

All Students in Year 3, 4 & 5 will require an iPad capable of running the latest version of iOS (*iPad operating system*) with the following specifications:

iPad model
iPad 9 th generation 64GB WiFi
iPad 256GB
Previously purchased iPad
iPad 6 th gen or newer
iPad Air 2 or newer
Any iPad pro model
Not compatible
iPad mini (not compatible with naplan)

**Student iPads will then be carried through with student for the remainder of their primary schooling at Coomera SS.*

Affiliations: Coomera SS has a parent portal through JBHiFi which allows for the purchasing of iPad as well as warranties and accessories.

Robust case and screen protector: To help minimise potential damage, it is our strong recommendation that a robust case be purchased. This can be purchased through the JB HiFi parent portal.

Headphones: We recommend over the ear headphones for students. These can be purchased through the JB HiFi parent portal.

Possible Accessories:

Stylus pen: to help minimise the chance of the stylus becoming lost, we suggest getting the pen engraved/purchase a case that has a penholder. This can be purchased through the JB HiFi portal

Keyboard: We suggest purchasing a case that can hold both the iPad and keyboard.

Third Party Consent: An online form will be sent through requesting the student use of third party sites and applications. In simple terms, this means that student data (work uploaded, progress tracked etc.) will be stored online by an offsite independent vendor. After thorough research, Coomera SS has found these platforms to offer a diverse range of resources and services that help to deliver the Australian Curriculum in a meaningful and engaging way.

Apps:

Downloading apps:

Apps can be downloaded through **Intune Company school portal**. A list of core apps (see below) will be displayed for students to download at home or at school. Paid apps will be available for student use but licenses will be revoked at the end of the year. If you like the app and would prefer to purchase one, all apps will be available for purchase through the App store.

- Video instructions for setting up Company Portal from home can be viewed [here](https://bit.ly/3ICcsE4) (https://bit.ly/3ICcsE4)
- Students may load other apps on the iPad for use at home. These MUST be kept in a folder labelled "Home" as long as there is a minimum of 16GB available for school use. These apps need to be age appropriate (no social media) and *home apps will need to be removed if they are a distraction at school.*

Core list of year level specific Apps:

Wi.Tech@CSS App list			
Free apps			
Management tools			
 Intune company portal			
Creative tools			
 Seesaw	 Kahoot!	 PicEdu	 iMovie
 Clips	 Garage band	 Popplet lite	 AR maker
 OneNote	 Minecraft EDU		
English/Literacy			
 Epic	 Dictionary		
Maths			
 Fractions	 Geoboard	 Calculator	
Free Apple apps			
 Pages	 Numbers	 Keynote	
Coding			
 Blockly	 Wonder	 WeDo Lego	 Sphero
 EVO by OzoBot			

Responsibilities of Coomera SS, parents/caregivers and students

Coomera State School Responsibilities	Parent and caregiver responsibilities	Student responsibilities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some technical support: Afternoon parent drop in sessions will be advertised • Communication through BYOD specific email: witech@coomerass.eq.edu.au • Secure cabinets for iPads to be stored during breaks • Coomera SS will provide opportunities for the <i>upskilling</i> of both staff and students. This will help to ensure that devices are being used to their full potential • Secure WiFi network with EQ firewall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgement that the core purpose of the device at school is for educational purposes • Parents to sign <i>Third Party Website consent</i> form • Required apps installed on the iPad at the start of the school year (see Core app list). This can be accessed through inTune company portal • Independent insurance/warranty (<i>can be purchased through JBHiFi parent portal</i>) • Robust case and screen protector (<i>can be purchased through JBHiFi parent portal</i>) • Stay up-to-date with school communications: via school newsletters, Facebook, seesaw and email notifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in Wi.Tech@CSS student induction program. Students will be required to sign the school's <i>ICT agreement</i> which outlines responsible use guidelines including online safety and care expectations • Come to school with a fully charged & up to date iPad. This is a MUST. • No direct messaging services to be used whilst at school (<i>device not to be used for personal communication</i>) • Do NOT delete content created at school without the <i>explicit instruction</i> of a teacher

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1) **Can I use an iPad that has previously been purchased?** Yes, as long as it meets minimum specifications: iPad 6th generation, iPad Air 2 or iPad pro. Device **must** also be able to run the **latest version of iOS**. This is to ensure that all students are able to access the core list of apps stipulated. App development and updates require specific hardware: old hardware won't be sufficient to run all core apps.
- 2) **Can the iPad continue to be used when my child transitions to older years and high schools?** Yes, it is intended that the device be carried into Year 5 and 6. We have also conducted extensive research into the current regional High School context for BYOD programs and we have found overwhelmingly that High Schools are stipulating iPads as their device of choice.

- 3) My child will be in an earlier year level (e.g. P-3) can I still purchase an iPad in anticipation for them commencing the BYOD WiTech@CSS program in future years?** Yes, you can purchase an iPad preceding your child starting Year 4. Please check minimum specifications outlined above. You can also access the core list of apps that you may wish to download. However, the iPad will NOT be able to be brought into the school network as P-3 classrooms are not currently set up to support BYOD classes.
- 4) What if I don't sign the third party agreement form?** This will mean that your child will not have access to a number of core apps stipulated on our current Witech App list, as well as educational websites that have been thoughtfully chosen to help provide meaningful learning opportunities for your child.
- 5) Can I download apps that are not on the core list of apps?** Yes, you are able to download apps not on the core list. However, we ask that these applications be placed in a folder labelled 'Home.' **Social media apps do not meet these guidelines as they have been deemed to NOT be age appropriate.** *Please also remember that the core purpose of the iPad is for educational purposes.*
- 6) Will technical support be provided by the school?** Yes, a specific BYOD email address has been set up to enable parents to communicate directly with the CSS tech team witech@coomerass.eq.edu.au . A parent information session will be run at the beginning of the year to help assist parents in how to best set up the iPad (downloading applications and settings/management of device etc). Drop in parent information sessions will also be advertised for further support. Please ensure that you are regularly checking school communications via facebook, school newsletters, email and Seesaw.

We suggest purchasing an independent warranty to help minimise costs if property damage was to occur. Moreover, we HIGHLY recommend buying a ROBUST case and screen protector: this can be purchased the JBhiFi parent portal.

- 7) Will the iPad replace all pen and paper classroom work?** No, the device is intended to be utilised an additional *educational tool*. As such, the iPad will be used in conjunction with written work. It is anticipated that in the beginning stages of the WiTech@CSS program the iPad will be used to support learning in Maths, English/Literacy, Digital technologies and Science.

- 8) Can parents control app usage on student iPads?** Yes. We strongly recommend using [Apple Family sharing](https://www.apple.com/au/family-sharing/) (https://www.apple.com/au/family-sharing/) to manage your students device. Apple family sharing provides a simple way to share subscriptions, purchases, iCloud storage and more with up to six people in your household. Screen Time and other parental controls are built in, so families with children can manage purchases, downloads and permissions for kids and teens.
- 9) Who is responsible for damages to BYOD or School iPads?** Students will move from class to class with their iPads e.g. for an ICT lesson with a specialist teacher, and class teachers sometimes use outdoor spaces for learning, so this means that a sturdy case is required to protect the iPad. Rules are in place to prevent foreseeable problems and damage, however, from time to time accidents may occur. If damage is caused by deliberate or careless actions of a student (owner or others), the costs of repair will be passed on to those involved and behaviour consequences may apply. The decision around the responsibility for repair costs is at the discretion of the Principal. iPads can be added to home and contents insurance policies. For further information on this, contact your insurance provider.