

2019 iPads & eBooks program for secondary students



Background Information

Melton Christian College currently runs an iPad program in years 7-10. The majority of textbooks are supplied in digital format (eBooks) on the iPad. Using iPads in the classroom enables a modern, technology-smart curriculum. Using eBooks provides access to extensive interactive content, which stretches the students' learning. This also provides a safer alternative to a heavy backpack full of hard-copy books.

At Melton Christian College we teach and insist upon conscientious and appropriate use of digital communication. Parents and students must read our ICT Protocols included in the Handbook.

Years 7 to 10 - iPads

iPads are currently managed by the College using mobile device management software. This allows apps, documents and settings to be easily configured. Policies and restrictions applied by the management software ensure devices are used for educational purposes and distractions to students are minimised. For example, only College approved applications can be installed.

VCE - BYOD

VCE students can participate in a 'bring your own device' (BYOD) program. Students are permitted to bring a tablet or laptop for educational purposes. Textbooks are generally available to buy in digital or print version depending on student preference. VCE students can manage their own devices; however, it is recommended that College iPads remain on our management system if students continue to bring them for school use.

Year 10 – iPads + optional BYOD

We are introducing a new process for 2019 - year 10 students can choose to take part in a transitional BYOD program. They will retain their iPad to access eBooks and applications required, these devices will continue to be managed by the College. However, they may also bring a personal laptop if needed to further assist with their studies.

Booklists

Textbooks are currently sourced through Officemax using an online ordering system. 2019 booklists will be available in term 4, 2018. Further information regarding this process will be accessible on our website, www.mcc.vic.edu.au, in term 4.

iPad Orders for 2019

iPads are purchased by families through the College. An iPad will be ordered for your child upon enrolment and payment of a deposit. This process enables the College to order pre-configured devices from Apple which helps to create an efficient and cost effective program.

2019 iPad program costs are below (prices are approximations only, based on 2018 figures)

Item	Likely Cost
iPad (2018 model) 128GB (WiFi only)	\$540
STM Dux Cover (Blue)	\$40
Software licensing & administration	\$70
Total	\$650

Each year, Apple releases new devices and discontinues certain models, so parents should be aware that specifications and prices are subject to change, sometimes at short notice.

Recommended iPad Payment Schedule

2019 enrolling students will be able to collect their iPad prior to the beginning of the school year. The usual expectation is that the payments are to be made in full prior to collection of the device. To avoid delays in stock arrival over Christmas, full payment should be made by 30 November 2018. We recommend using the table below as a guide to make payments. Alternatively, the full amount can be paid up front.

Date	Amount
30 August 2018	\$162.50
30 September 2018	\$162.50
30 October 2018	\$162.50
30 November 2018	\$162.50
Total	\$650.00

Collection of iPads

Once full payment is received, it is expected that current Year 6 students will be able to collect their iPad in December 2018 and new enrolments in January 2019. More information will be provided in term 4.

Methods of Payment

Credit Card—We accept Mastercard and Visa. There is currently no fee for using this service to parents.

Direct Deposit — MCC bank details are BSB: 083-758 Account No: 494520734—Use account code as identification.

EFTPOS /Cash /Cheque—Payments can be made at the Business Office.

Further enquiries

For enquiries regarding payments please contact our reception on 9732 3000.

Please see the following page for some frequently asked questions.

General enquiries regarding the iPad program for 2019 can also be directed to Simon Doherty via email sdoherty@mcc.vic.edu.au or by contacting reception on 9732 3000.

FAQ: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why does the iPad cost this much?

A: iPads are one of the market leading tablet devices which are sold at standard prices everywhere. Currently the College is able to access education discounts at around 10% less than retail for devices and 50% less than retail for specific covers. This represents a significant saving that is passed on to families.

Q: Do I have to make regular repayments before the 30th November 2018?

A: Generally, iPads will need to be paid for in full prior to being collected. We have set out a recommended payment schedule to ensure we can supply devices well before students commence term 1 in 2019. We recommend monthly payments to assist with budgeting, this is just a guide.

Q: Why this particular model?

A: We select iPad models that are current and designed to have sufficient storage space, features and processing power that will serve students well through year 7 to 10, at a reasonable price.

Q: Why can't I choose a different model?

A: Devices are purchased in bulk. Offering one solution maximises the efficiency of the program and accessible discounts and avoids delays so that staff and students can be well prepared for the start of the school year.

Q: What is the software/admin cost?

A: This is a one off cost, included in the total amount due. The bulk of this charge covers the annual licensing fee the College pays per device in order to run the management software. This software allows students to easily connect to our network and access all of the required applications. Students are not charged any additional fees for iPad apps themselves, these are purchased by the College.

Q: Can I use my own iPad?

A: Generally, this is not possible because devices are pre-configured by Apple for our management system which allows a streamlined and cost effective solution. The current process provides consistency in devices to ensure all iPads meet our system requirements, which in turn enables efficient processes and minimises disruptions to learning. College iPads have education-focused restrictions applied, which disallows personal games and applications. This limits the recreational use of these iPads, we recommend keeping personal devices for this purpose.

Q: Can I use my own cover?

A: The College requires the use of a standard cover from years 7-10, which is provided with the iPad. This ensures devices are well-protected and it makes them distinguishable from personal iPads or staff iPads. Stickers are used with student names to make each iPad easily identifiable. The STM covers offer a great balance of durability, functionality and protection all for a reasonable price.