Willetton PS BYO iPad Program 2026

In an increasingly complex world, shaping a successful future for our students includes empowering them to capitalise on opportunities and equipping them for success in a technology driven world.

"New digital technologies, including artificial intelligence, robotics, and information and communication technologies are reshaping the way people live, work and learn. This fast-moving digital transformation requires the right mix of skills to use digital technologies to thrive in work and life"

1. Enhancing Learning Opportunities

- BYOD programs support **anywhere, anytime learning**, allowing students to engage with educational content beyond the classroom.
- Devices like iPads enable **individualized learning experiences**, helping students learn at their own pace and explore topics more deeply.

2. Developmentally Appropriate Timing

- Introducing BYOD at **Year 3** aligns with students' growing independence, collaborative skills, and ability to reflect on their learning.
- Students at this stage are ready to use technology meaningfully across Years 3–6 and have had several years of explicit cyber safety education.

3. Platform Consistency and Educational Value

- iPads offer a **stable, secure, and intuitive platform** with a wide range of educational apps.
- Apple's ecosystem ensures **continuity** across devices and years, simplifying management and support for both staff and students.

4. Skill Building for a Digital Future

- Early exposure to digital tools helps students build **critical 21st-century skills** such as digital literacy, creativity, and problem-solving.
- Features like multitasking, file management, and media creation prepare students for future academic and professional environments.

- There is no need to purchase **wifi** as students will log into the school wifi using their school credentials. Their school credentials will give them access to Microsoft Office 365, Canva, Minecraft Education, Compass and Connect.
- All information about the BYO program can be accessed from the **school website** parents tab BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE. This includes the agreement, required apps and portal to purchase from Winthrop.
- At the beginning of 2026 the agreement will come out via the **Compass** App along with the 3rd party app **consent form**. This will need to be completed prior to your child bringing their iPad to school.