



Junior School iPad Program 2025

iPads can be ordered through the [CompNow online shop here](#)

iPad Requirements

In preparation for 2025, we are advising families that Scotch students are required to have an iPad, Bluetooth keyboard and carry bag in Years 5 & 6.

The **minimum specifications** for a student iPad to meet our learning requirements is as follows:

- 128 Gigabyte iPad, no older than 2 years (to ensure adequate battery life and compatibility with keyboard and other accessories)
- A Bluetooth keyboard and protective case are compulsory
- A suitable iPad bag/ carrier is required for safe carriage while moving around the Campus and to keep the device separate from drink bottles etc.

Years 5 & 6 iPad program

Scotch's student iPad program is well-established and responsive to the continual developments and updates in the field of learning technologies. Our aim is to:

- develop the digital capabilities our students require to be discerning, safe, responsible, and ethical users of digital technologies.
- use digital technologies to enhance and broaden (rather than substitute and replace) learning experiences.
- develop a strong understanding of digital citizenship, online safety, and digital footprints.
- develop the skills required to be flexible, adaptable, and collaborative in online environments.
- develop strategies for the astute management of devices, apps, files, and data to develop lifelong habits.

Our Technology Support team, our Technology Research and Development team, and our Teaching and Learning team ensure an integrated successful technology experience for all. This includes preparatory 1:1 iPad use in Year 4, students to complete their Be SCOTCH Digital Licence (separate information will be sent to families regarding this), family information sessions at the beginning of the year, and ongoing support throughout your time at Scotch.

iPad vs Laptop

We have elected an iPad, as a Learning Tool, instead of a laptop at this age and stage, for several reasons that align with our learning philosophy, device capabilities, and the students' competencies and needs as digital citizens.

- Technical issues with iPads are minimal and give students greater agency
- Apple Classroom (mirroring for teachers) to monitor safe and successful use at school
- Augmented Reality based applications used on our iPads are not available on MacBooks
- iPads are better designed for portability during use e.g. During robotics, programming drones etc.
- Videoing/recording which is regularly undertaken is difficult on a laptop
- The school is better able to support families with management (settings, privacy, etc) as children move to their own device
- The Applications we use can seamlessly be updated for students
- iPads are more secure in a primary school setting

Please read through the following information carefully, as it is intended to not only support your child's introduction to the iPad program at Scotch but also support your family moving forward in the management and monitoring of an online world!

How to order

To support families with the decision making and process for purchasing an iPad, each year, Scotch negotiates with its supplier, CompNow, to offer iPad bundles at the Apple education price. Parents are strongly encouraged to buy through the College portal.

iPads can be ordered through the [CompNow online shop here](#)

When ordering, please ensure you request for the iPad to be **delivered to your home address**. The school only has a limited amount of secure storage for student iPads and therefore is not able to store all the year level iPads until the following year.

Scotch College Pricing Schedule 2025 via CompNow		Price (inc GST)
iPad Bundles	Apple iPad 10.9" 10 th Gen Wi-Fi 256GB, Logitech Rugged Folio Case with Keyboard and Apple Pencil USB-C	\$1,080
Individually Purchased	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Apple iPad 10.9" 10th Gen Wi-Fi 256GB• Logitech Rugged Folio Case with Keyboard• Apple Pencil USB-C (optional)	\$ 775 \$ 195 \$ 123
AppleCare+ <i>The College <u>strongly</u> recommends purchasing AppleCare+</i>	AppleCare+ – Service Fee \$65 – can be purchased when ordering iPad via CompNow Portal or between 7-60 days after receiving the device via the Apple website.	\$ 109

Important notes

- Based on previous years, CompNow is likely to refresh their packages and prices in September/October if you want to wait for the newest iPad update (this may, however, be at an increased cost).
- Families are welcome to purchase from anywhere –we do recommend checking with suppliers if they are still experiencing delayed overseas deliveries.
- All required apps will be provided by the College once school commences. The model listed above is highly capable of performing all the required curriculum-based tasks at the College. For full descriptions of the iPad models, visit the [apple store here](#). If you choose to order through CompNow payment is made by credit/debit card or direct transfer to CompNow with the iPad order.
- Students are required to have an iPad, Bluetooth keyboard, and carry bag. They **do not need** an Apple Pencil. The minimum specifications for any student iPad is as follows:
 - 128 Gigabyte iPad, no older than 2 years.
 - A Bluetooth keyboard is compulsory and can be selected from the online shop or purchased separately (note that this keyboard will only fit the latest model iPad).
 - A carry bag with a handle is also recommended for safe carriage while moving around the Campus.
- Please note that Australian Government legislation in relation to the sale of add on insurance e.g., AppleCare+ can only be purchased five days after the purchase of the iPad. The CompNow Scotch Portal does allow for the purchase of AppleCare+ insurance at the time of ordering the device. We strongly recommend taking out AppleCare+ on your device. Repairs, under AppleCare+, will be organised by the College and any costs incurred will be invoiced to parents. The College will provide a loan iPad for a maximum of three weeks.

Device Management

Apple ID

The College will purchase all core apps required for schoolwork and install them remotely using its own Mobile Device Management system. Therefore, students do not need an Apple ID and it is strongly recommended that they do not have an Apple ID of their own.

Your child's iPad will be subject to the College's Internet filter while accessing the school's Wi-Fi. Therefore, the College stipulates that iPads do not have access to a 4G network while at school. Students will only use their iPads during lesson times while at school.

School-managed device

After a successful trial in 2021 and full implementation in 2022 and 2023, our default setup for iPads is '**School Managed**'.

If you would like to nominate your device to be '**Family Managed**' please advise our helpdesk@scotch.sa.edu.au

What does 'School Managed' mean?

- The College can enforce certain controls and restrictions on the device that cannot be bypassed. This can be especially helpful for families that are not able to configure these controls themselves
- You will not be able to install applications on the iPad other than what is deployed by the College. If you have a requirement for an application not in the standard learning suite, the College can work with you to have this deployed to your child's iPad.

We strongly recommend that the iPad is treated as a tool for learning (rather than entertainment). With its multi-media and creative capabilities, the iPad is an ideal curriculum tool, offering significant benefits in the classroom and in overall management and support.

We acknowledge that many parents have concerns about the unintended non-curriculum use of student iPads and interactions in a digital space. We have a number of strategies in place to prevent this from occurring at school and it is important that the same protocols are followed at home so that the entire community has a positive experience with these devices, and we support the wellbeing of all students within our community.

We strongly advise all families set up ScreenTime on their child's iPad to manage use at home, click [here](#) for more information.

The use of all devices, whether School Managed or Family managed, will also be monitored during school time by classroom teachers via Apple Classroom. Click [here](#) to find out more.

Further information

Before using their iPads, students will discuss acceptable use and sign an agreement form. Information sessions will be held for parents – dates will be advised early in 2025.

Insurance Cover or AppleCare+

It is the responsibility of parents to ensure the iPad is insured. It is recommended that you do this for the full replacement value.

Remember that if you have not taken out insurance for the iPad you have purchased, all losses must be borne by you. Please consult your insurance agent or broker regarding the adequacy of cover of any existing house and contents policies.

We strongly recommend taking out AppleCare+ on your device.

Need help?

Parents can contact the staff at the IT Helpdesk at helpdesk@scotch.sa.edu.au