

BYOd iPad Choice

The Helensvale 2025 BYO device program is iPad only.

Required

- If you own an iPad already, check whether it is supported using the tables below.
- If you buy a new iPad choose a standard iPad (10/11th Gen), iPad Air 11" or iPad Pro 11" .
- iPad Pro's are very nice, but generally not a good choice because of price.
- iPad Minis are not suitable because of screen size.
- WiFi only – If the iPad has cellular, SIM must to be removed/disabled for school.
- Protective case and screen protector – ***This is important.***
- iPad and accessories labelled/engraved with student name and school.
- Headphones that are compatible with your iPad.
(required for NAPLAN in Year 5 as well as for many of the apps and multimedia assessments in both Years 5 and 6).
- Most new iPads don't have an audio jack, these adapters can be purchased for as little as \$3



Optional Accessories and Additions

- AppleCare and device insurance. iPads have one year warranty from new. Compare the cost of device insurance and AppleCare to the cost of a new basic iPad. Insurance may not make sense given the low failure rate and rugged construction of iPads – particularly when using a protective case.
- BYO devices are also not covered by the school's insurances (damage, loss, theft)
- The School will not repair BYO iPads.
- Stylus – while an Apple pencil or stylus isn't required, it is ***occasionally*** helpful for digital worksheets and annotations.



Basic Stylus



Smart Stylus
(Multiple Brands)



Apple Pencil

- Keyboard case – makes writing assignments somewhat easier and frees up screen area. They are useful if your child is considering learning to touch type.

With the increasing use of voice recognition, the extra cost of a keyboard case and the time spent on this skill may not stack up. Acara (NAPLAN) studies of devices choice (iPad versus laptop and keyboard versus no keyboard) show **no** measurable improvement in test results. The main consideration is that your child is familiar with the type of device that is used during the NAPLAN testing.

Acceptable iPads

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
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Recommended iPads with a minimum of 32 GB Storage (64GB is ideal)

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
iPad (gen 11)	March 2025?	18+	?	Not yet released, likely to have AI features
iPad (gen 10)	2022	18	no	USB-c and no Headphone Jack
iPad (gen 9)	2021	18	no	
iPad (gen 8)	2020	18	no	
iPad (gen 7)	2019	18	no	
iPad Air (gen 5)	2022	18+	Yes	
iPad Air (gen 4)	2020	18	no	
iPad Air (gen 3)	2019	18	no	
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 2) <i>Vintage</i>	2017	17	no	Battery life may become an issue
iPad Pro 10.5" (gen 2) <i>Vintage</i>	2017	17	no	Battery life may become an issue

Fast and bigger screens, but none of the apps we use need this level of performance

Screen size is a benefit for Office 365 and drawing apps. The main problem is cost.

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
iPad Pro 13" (M4) <i>Very fast</i>	2024	18+	Yes	No Headphone Jack - use adapter or USB-C headset.
iPad Air 13" (M2) <i>Very Fast</i>	2024	18+	Yes	No Headphone Jack - use adapter or USB-C headset.
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 6)	2022	18+	Yes	
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 5)	2021	18+	Yes	
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 4)	2020	18	no	
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 3)	2018	18	no	
iPad Pro 11" (M4) <i>Very fast</i>	2024	18+	Yes	No Headphone Jack - use adapter or USB-C headset.
iPad Air 11" (M2) <i>Very fast</i>	2024	18+	Yes	No Headphone Jack - use adapter or USB-C headset.
iPad Pro 11" (gen 4)	2022	18+	Yes	
iPad Pro 11" (gen 3)	2021	18+	Yes	

Battery life may be a problem and these are getting a little bit slow.

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
iPad (gen 6) <i>Vintage</i>	2018	17	no	
iPad (gen 5) <i>Vintage</i>	2017	16	no	Battery life may become an issue
iPad Pro 9.7" (gen 1) <i>Vintage</i>	2016	16	no	Battery life may become an issue
iPad Pro 12.9" (gen 1) <i>Vintage</i>	2015	16	no	Battery life may become an issue
iPad Air 2 <i>Vintage</i>	2015	15	no	Problems with Powerpoint. Use Keynote instead

Unacceptable iPads

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
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Not Suitable because of Screen size

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
iPad mini (gen 6)	2021	18	no	Too Small
iPad mini (gen 5)	2019	18	no	Too Small
iPad mini 4 <i>Vintage</i>	2015	15	no	Too Small

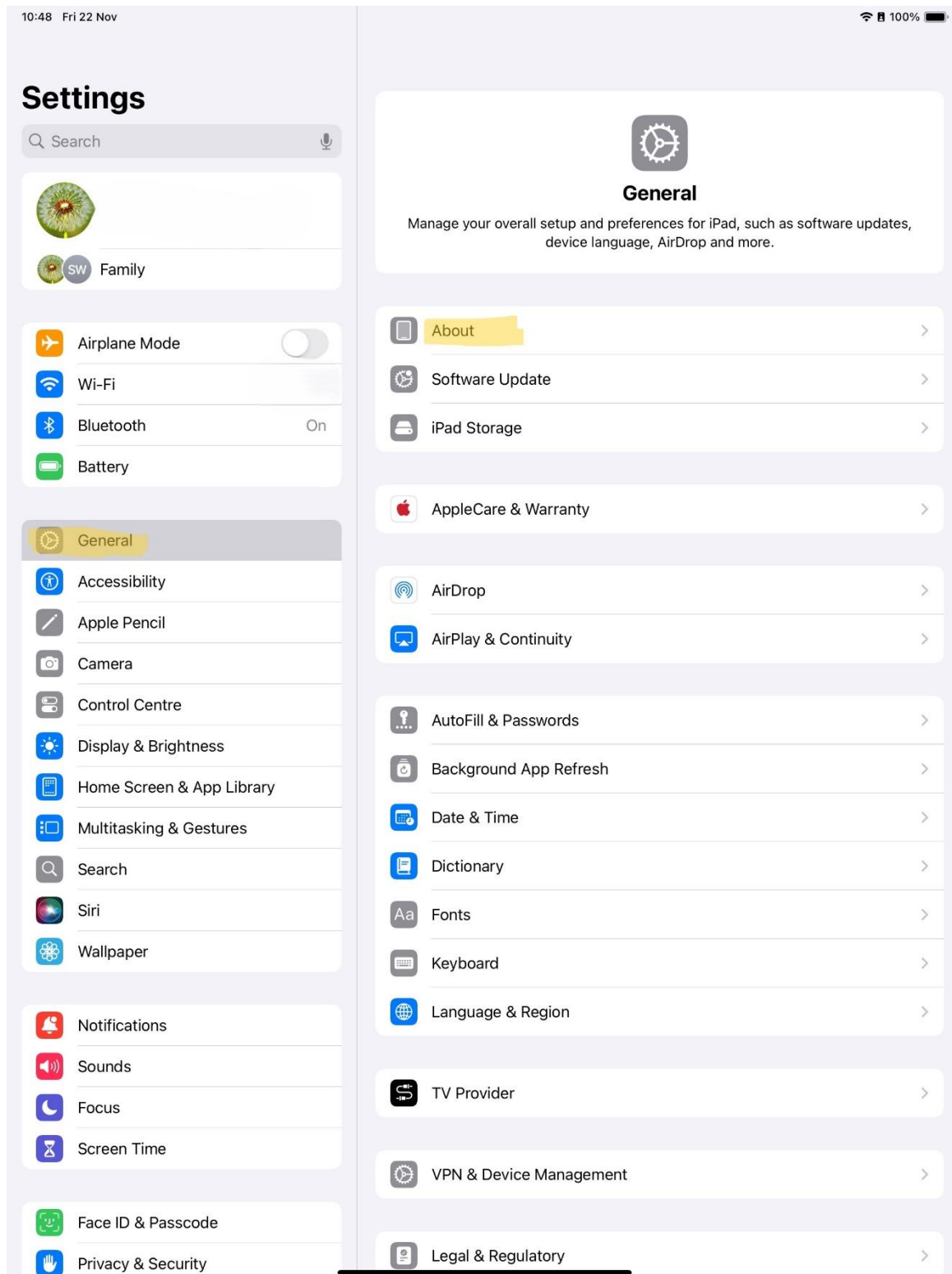
Will not work

iPad Model	Released	Max iOS	AI Chip	Comment
iPad mini 3 <i>Obsolete</i>	2014	12		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad mini 2 <i>Vintage</i>	2013	12		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad Air (gen 1) <i>Obsolete</i>	2013	12		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad (gen 4) <i>Obsolete</i>	2012	10		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad mini (gen 1) <i>Obsolete</i>	2012	9		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad (gen 3) <i>Obsolete</i>	2012	9		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad 2 <i>Obsolete</i>	2011	9		Cannot connect to school BYOx
iPad (gen 1) <i>Obsolete</i>	2010	5		Cannot connect to school BYOx

How to check your iPad model and capacity.

Go into Settings.

Select About.



Settings

Search



Apple Account, Manage My iPhone



Family

iPad Not...

Airplane Mode

Wi-Fi

Bluetooth On

Battery

General

Accessibility

Apple Pencil

Camera

Control Centre

Display & Brightness

Home Screen & App Library

Multitasking & Gestures

Search

Siri

Wallpaper

Notifications

Sounds

Focus

Screen Time

Face ID & Passcode

Back

About

Name BigiPad >

iPadOS Version 18.1 >

Model Name iPad Pro (12.9-inch) (3rd generation)

Model Number MTFP2X/A

Serial Number DLX

Songs 0

Videos 543

Photos 38,171

Applications 375

Capacity 512 GB

Available 466.72 GB

Wi-Fi Address E1:67:55:00:00:00

Bluetooth EC:6C:9D:00:00:00

SEID >

Certificate Trust Settings >