



MACKAY CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

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eLearning Guidelines @ MCC

Network access for all students at Mackay Christian College is a priority, providing a valuable educational resource. Parents are asked to purchase earphones named (not earbud) with iPad connection.

Students in Prep to Year 4 will have access to classroom based e-devices.

All students in Year 5-6 will be provided with an iPad to enhance their learning experiences through the MCC iPad program. Mackay Christian College has a strong commitment to the integration of ICT into the students' classrooms. Agreements will be sent out in the new school year for parents and students to sign or when your child enrolls if students commence after the start of the year.

All students from Year 7-12 are required to use a full sized iPad as the Electronic Learning Device at the college. Parents will provide an iPad for their students as standard school equipment. The use of cloud technologies provided by the college, enables students to supplement an iPad with other devices at home if preferred.

iPad Specifications

Please refer to the college website at www.mcc.qld.edu.au for the latest specifications for Electronic Learning Devices. The minimum recommended requirements for an iPad to ensure compatibility, performance and reliability for use at MCC for 2021 will be a full sized iPad (8th Generation) 32Gb Wi-Fi. (It **MUST NOT** be older than 3 years or an iPad mini). Parents can decide whether to supply a 32 or 128 GB iPad. Alternatively, the iPad Pro as a WiFi model is slightly faster but more expensive.

iPad Support & Additional Warranty

We strongly recommend purchasing [AppleCare+](#) with your iPad. This provides 2 years phone support from Apple rather than 30 days, an additional year warranty giving 2 years warranty and cover for a couple of accidental damage claims over the 2 years.

Protecting your iPad

We strongly recommend a robust case to help minimise potential damage. The [Griffin Survivor Case](#) or [Otterbox Defender](#) have been found to be highly effective at reducing damage to iPads at MCC and other schools using iPads. Because iPads are being used by young people, the risk of accidental damage occurring is a real factor to be considered and expected. The college accepts **NO** responsibility for damage caused to student-owned iPads. We highly recommend that you insure your child's iPad for accidental damage, and have any damage repaired by a repairer whose work will not void the iPad's warranty. It is probable that your child's iPad will need to be replaced after 2-3 school years.

Where to Purchase an iPad

iPads are available from a variety of stores in Mackay and Online. What makes one store different from another - is it just the price or is after sales service needed? The college is not able to assist with iPad Hardware faults, warranty claims or repairs, or loan units. However, the college's IT department will endeavor to assist students with iPad software configuration problems where possible. As part of your purchasing decision, you may like to consider if you want after sales support in Mackay. Apple's standard support is for the customer to ring a support number, then to send Apple the unit for repair (estimate of turnaround time is 2-3 weeks). Check if the store you buy from has the ability to repair or replace the unit in Mackay. Also ask if they do free training on the use of the iPad.

Online options include:

- the School Locker – Log in using theschoollocker.com.au/schools/mackay-christian-college
- JB Hi-Fi Solutions – Log in www.jbeducation.com.au/byod using code MACKAY2021 (Payment Plan Available)

Several stores in Mackay stock iPads. Suggested retailers are:

- Apple Premium Resellers in Mackay (Specialists in Apple Sales and Service) eg Matilda Internet
- Department stores such as Big W, Target, Myer, JB Hifi, Harvey Norman and The Good Guys.

Essential Apps

All students in Year 7-12 will need to install on their iPad all of the **Essential Apps for Everyone** for the start of school. Student access to Microsoft Office 365 is free while attending Mackay Christian College, login using their MCC email address and password. Students will be required to install year level or subject specific Apps and will be notified by the teacher as necessary.

Advice for Parents

Students don't need games and entertainment apps on their iPad for school. Whether parents allow these on their child's iPad is a family decision. For more Tips for Parents please go to www.mcc.qld.edu.au. iPads are a tool to facilitate learning - that is its main purpose. Students can use their iPad for other purposes but these must be appropriate to the context, school or home, and subject to permission. We support parent decisions about the setting of boundaries at home as long as school work can be completed.

Student Responsibilities

Students will be responsible for ensuring that they use the device in accordance with MCC's Acceptable Use Agreement, the Code of Conduct and our CLEAR Technology expectations, see Network User Agreement at www.mcc.qld.edu.au. Students who fail to meet their responsibilities in regard to their iPad will be dealt with via MCC's Behaviour Expectations Policy. Students may be instructed to delete Apps if used inappropriately while at school and the iPad may be confiscated in the interim. Electronic Learning tools are under teacher supervision from 8.30am-3pm. If students in Year 7-12 fail to bring this equipment to class regularly, parents may be notified.

Your support of the college's eLearning is greatly appreciated.