What will the College do about students accessing non-educational apps/websites or playing games at school? The Acceptable Use Agreement and the clear disciplinary consequences for inappropriate computer usage are already in place and apply to the use of iPads in the same way they apply to all technology usage in the College. Misuse of the iPad in class will be treated the same as any other inappropriate behaviour and normal classroom rules will apply.

What controls will there be on Internet access at school? The school’s internet connection includes appropriate content filtering. These filters will block access to inappropriate content while the device is used on the College intranet.

How will I control Internet access at home? It is expected that parents will continue to monitor the Internet access of their children. Clear boundaries and expectations for student use at home need to be set by parents. The College will not impose control structures on the use of the iPads when they are off campus.

What are the limitations on personal use? The iPad will be owned by the child’s family at the end of the first year of use, and they are thus able to use the device for any personal uses that the family allows. These uses should not interfere with the use of the device at school. This would include ensuring adequate storage space was maintained, that no inappropriate apps/material are put on the device, and the iPad is fully charged for daily use in the classroom.

My child is in a year other than year 7, can they use their iPad in class? The college is introducing the iPad program at Year 7 in 2013. At present the College does not support students from other year levels bringing their own devices for use in class. This will be reviewed as the year progresses.

Student Responsibilities for iPad
Students will be responsible for the care and maintenance of their iPad. The College takes no responsibility for any damage or loss of a student’s iPad. Parents are advised to take an extended Apple warranty for their iPad and to ensure the iPad is covered under their home insurance.

Students are to ensure their iPad is fully charged prior to the start of each school day.

The iPad must be carried in a protective cover at all times and stored safely in the student locker when not in class use.

Travelling to and from school the iPad must be in the student’s school bag.

The iPad is to only be used for educational purposes while at school.

Students are not permitted to play games at any time while in class.

Students are to ensure that non educational material (eg. music, movies, games) stored on their iPad does not limit the capacity of their iPad to store school related material. AT least 5GB free for schoolwork.

Individual students are responsible for their own iPads and should ensure that they take care of it at all times. iPads should not be left unsecured where other students can gain access to them.

Students must be respectful of other students’ property and privacy at all times. They must not share user names or password with anyone or interfere with another student’s iPad.

When using their iPads, students must at all times abide by the College Acceptable Use Policy.

On days of sporting competition or excursions students should leave their iPads at home.
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Am I able to use the iPad that I already have?
Students can use iPads they already have as long as they meet the minimum recommended specifications -16Gb iPad 2. The first generation iPad (Ipad 1 re-released in 2009) is not recommended as it has no camera and some of the software no longer operates on these devices (eg iOS 6). The iPad 3 and iPad 4 are also acceptable for College use.

Will there be a warranty, and what happens with Insurance?
Apple products come with a one year limited warranty. This can be extended to two years by purchasing their AppleCare product.
There is no insurance with the iPad for loss, theft or non-warranty repairs. Parents are advised to check home insurance policies and ensure the iPad is covered for accidental damage and loss.

What is the anticipated lifetime of this program?
Will it continue into Year 8, 9?
The ongoing development and evaluation of the iPad program in 2014 will ensure that as students move into Year 8 their capacity to work with this form of technology will increase and will not only meet the student learning needs but enhance student outcomes. Continuation of the iPad use into Year 9 will depend upon advances in technology.

What is the expected lifetime of the device?
An iPad is expected to function effectively for between two and three years, depending on individual use. Students should therefore be able to use their iPad from Year 7 through to the end of Year 8 and, if maintained appropriately, it may still be used in Year 9.

Do we need to create an iTunes account for our child?
Parents will need to set up an iTunes account before the iPad can be used at school. Parents will be able to either set up an iTunes account, using their credit card, which their child can access to purchase educational apps for school use or purchase an iTunes card which can be easily loaded onto the iPad. It is expected that the iTunes account is set up using the student's school email address.

What apps will we have to buy, and who pays for them?
There will be a "core set" of apps which students will be expected to purchase. Many of these apps will be free, while others may incur a small cost. The apps that are required will be provided by the College through Apple Educational Licensing – it is covered either in the purchase price of a school supplied iPad or through the network cost of family supplied iPad. Parents and students can elect to purchase other apps (non-school required) at their own expense.

Can students put their own apps/songs on the iPad?
Students may download other apps and songs onto their iPads as long as its use does not impact on the space available for educational resources and apps required for the College iPad program.

Will students be using eTextbooks?
Ballarat Books will put together an eTextbook bundle, of our core Year 7 textbooks, for purchase at a significantly reduced cost in comparison to hard copy textbooks. However, if parents wish to purchase a hard copy of a textbook, in addition to the eTextbook, this is also possible at an additional cost through Ballarat Books. eTextbooks will be a major advantage of the program. Not only are eTextbooks lighter to transport, they also offer extra digital learning content.

Do we still need a home computer and does it have to be an iMac or Macbook?
An iPad is not a replacement for a traditional computer. It is a companion device which allows the completion of some, but not all, of the tasks usually carried out on a traditional computer. The iPad connects to either a Mac or a PC via iTunes. It doesn’t matter what you have at home. The iPad will sync, backup and talk to either PC or Mac desktops or laptops. We recommend students regularly back up the iPad on either a home computer or using the iCloud in case of damage or theft.

What additional purchases might we face (e.g. apps, accessories)?
All students are required to purchase a cover for the iPad. For school supplied iPads the cover is included in the cost and for parent supplied iPads the cover needs to be able to protect the corners, glass panel and back of the iPad with enough protection that it may be carried safely in a school bag. Additional accessories that may be considered are a Bluetooth keyboard, to make typing easier, and headphones.

How does the iPad fit into the College’s cybersafety policy?
The iPad will be covered by the College’s Acceptable Use Policy, and it is expected that as good digital citizens the students will use the iPad appropriately not only while in class, but at other times as well. The College sees the development by the student of appropriate strategies for participating in the digital world as a key skill for the times in which we all live. This is an endeavour that complements the steps being taken by the child’s parents to prepare them for the digital world.

Will students be able to access the Intranet and Internet using their iPads and will they be able to print documents at school?
Students will be able to access the College intranet and internet via wireless on their iPads at school. The internet connection is filtered (at school only), logged and limited. Printing will be available from student iPads in the same fashion as all other computers in the College. The same charges will apply as for printing from a computer.

Will the College be providing students with a place to store their files in the College?
Storage areas for school work will be available. However, it is the student’s responsibility to regularly back up (iTunes) from their iPad to their home computer. The storage area available from both home and school via the internet or school wireless. Students can also use Dropbox, Box or GoogleDrive as a cloud service.