Appendix 2
Frequently Asked Questions

Why the iPad?
The ICT sub-committee of the School Board spent considerable time formulating the
ICT vision for the school. It was during this process that the school community gave
feedback on what the future of ICT at Dalkeith should look like. Three significant areas
emerged that were requirements for student use. These were content creation,
development of higher order thinking strategies and global connections. The
committee considered all devices/options and the iPad was seen to meet all
requirements. These were thoroughly trialled over two years and the research
undertaken confirmed that the iPad is the best option for the students at Dalkeith.

What about students whose parents do not choose to be involved in the
program?
A limited number of devices will be set aside for students to access during the day.
These will remain at school overnight.

Which iPad should I purchase?
Either the iPad 3 or newer are equally fine. We ask that all families keep their iPad
current by always updating to the latest iOS firmware, which is currently at 10.1.

WiFi Only Option
We recommend the WiFi only models, as there are no re-occurring monthly charges
since the devices can only use available wireless networks. While at school, the WiFi
devices will be able to access the school network. We do not recommend purchasing
the 3G enabled iPads as you will be enabling your child to have connectivity via a
mobile phone plan. If your child brings a 3G enabled iPad to school, we will require
that the 3G is turned off and that only the WiFi is used while on school grounds.

Hard Drive Size
For the majority of students the 16 GB model has proven to be too small. Students will
be using the device for content creation which uses a lot of storage. The school
recommends the 32 or 64 GB model, however it is up to the family to determine which
size iPad to purchase.

The iPad that is brought to school is intended for learning and not as a game console
or movie player. This will also be explained to students in an information session in
Week 1, Term 1 2017. Students will also be required to sign a comprehensive
Online/Device User Agreement agreeing to abide to the school rules.

Should I purchase insurance with my child’s iPad?
We strongly recommend you purchase iPad insurance. If parents choose the leased package
from Winthrop Australia it will be provided with the device. Parents can also adjust their home
and contents insurance to cover the device. Otherwise, iPad insurance can be purchased from
many different providers at different rates. If you are buying a new iPad you can select to buy
Apple Protection Plus insurance through Apple. This is highly recommended and covers
accidental damage.

When does my child bring their iPad to school?
All year 3 students will need a device by the start of the 2017 school year. The purchase
options are detailed in Appendix 1.
What parent support will be available?
The school will provide workshops on a variety of issues including: showcasing how the iPad and related applications are used for learning, cybersafety, health and technical support as per this year.

Our student Digital Leaders and ICT Deputy will assist parents and students with technical issues that arise.

My child has a different electronic media device. Can they use one of those devices instead?
Unfortunately we cannot support these devices and therefore they are discouraged. The primary reason is that many of the new interactive applications only work on the Apple iPad and are mostly only available through the Apple iTunes store on the iPad device. It is important that teachers planning units of work have a consistent platform across student devices.

What applications (apps) does my child need to have on their iPad for school?
A full list of the required apps will be provided by email to parents prior to the end of the school year and will also be available on the website. Each one will have a link to the iTunes store for easy downloading. Teachers may ask students to download additional apps once the year has begun however this will rarely occur.

Do other schools have 1:1 programs?
Yes. Many other government primary schools have 1:1 programs. These include Subiaco, Campbell, Bertram, Yanchep Beach, Currambine, Piara Waters, Harmony, Aubin Grove, Manjimup, Kalgoorlie, Kingston, Treendale and Dunsborough Primary Schools. Local private schools such as Christchurch, Scotch, PLC and MLC also offer 1:1 iPad programs.

Our local secondary schools both government (i.e. Shenton) and Independent (i.e. Scotch, PLC and MLC) use 1:1 Apple products as part of their educational program.

How often will the devices be used?
iPad screen time will follow recommended daily limits for children. Research suggests that children should use screens for a maximum of 2 hours. Teachers will follow a blended learning model with time for explicit teaching and hands on learning in addition to content creation with the iPad. Students will continue to do the usual range of lessons that will not involve technology including formal handwriting lessons.

How will the internet be monitored?
Internet connection is filtered through the Department of Education. Filters and restrictions can be installed at home and it is stipulated in the student usage agreement that devices are to be used in an area where students are supervised by an adult.

What other protection is there for my child?
Each year students, parents and teachers sign a three-way partnership agreement which covers things like appropriate use at school and home, use of gaming apps at school, use of other students devices etc. This agreement is seen as a contract between the three parties to ensure that all students’ safety online is the number one priority. This can be found on our website under iPad Information in the parent section. Students will sign this before iPad use at the beginning of the school year.