

Chatswood Hills SS: iPads in Prep FAQs...

- When does my child need their iPad?

We ask that students in PREP bring their iPad to school, fully charged and clean, every day from the first day of Week 3. Next year, this will be Monday 8th Feb, 2021. This gives us time to establish routines with the children around the proper care and transport of the iPads.

- *Can my child play on their iPad in the morning before the bell?*

iPads are to be kept in school bags until they are taken out to be put in the classroom cupboard, even if parents are with children.

- What sort of case does my child need?

We don't prescribe a certain brand of case. However, the case must be protective and allow access to volume buttons, the camera and headphone jack. Also consider a screen protector. While these are another additional cost, they are well worth it!

- *Will my child need headphones or ear buds?*

In prep, children will require headphones. The headphones specified on the book list are preferred as they come in a case and are durable.

- How long will my child spend on their iPad each day?

iPads in our prep classes are used for many different things, including learning apps (Reading Eggs, Math Seeds, Google Earth), assessments (Book Creator), basic coding (Bee-Bots, Scratch Jr), communication (Seesaw, Photos) and organising ideas (Popplet, Book Creator). They are used in whole class, small group and individual settings. Some days, classes will use iPads, sometimes, not at all. iPads do not replace writing, reading books or hands-on play in our prep rooms. If you are concerned about this as your child starts, please see your classroom teacher.

- *What if I forgot to charge my child's iPad?*

Please let the class teacher know in the morning. We have 1 charger in each classroom, so please try to make sure iPads are charged overnight.

- *Should I put a passcode on my child's iPad?*

iPads at our school are required to have a passcode. Please keep it simple for prep children and provide your class teacher with the passcode in case your child is unable to remember it.

- *What if my child's iPad is broken or stolen while at school?*

You will be contacted immediately by Admin.

- *How are iPads kept safe at school?*

We spend time teaching the children in prep the iPad rules and how to be safe, respectful and responsible with our iPads. During breaks and when not in use, iPad cupboards are kept locked.

- *I don't let my child play on their iPad on the weekends. Will they get behind in their school work?*

No. Reading Eggs and Math Seeds can be played at home and passwords for these will be sent out when set up. However, there will be no iPad 'homework' set for prep students. You can access Seesaw on your own device so you don't miss out on announcements.

