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## Dear Parent/Guardian

At Gladstone SHS, we are transitioning towards a single device approach, starting with an iPad for incoming Year 7s in 2022.

The device will be used to enhance curriculum delivery, to enable online research and for work production, creation and assessment submission. A Wi-Fi only model iPad will reduce the cost of the device and will **not** compromise the student's ability to complete school tasks as they will be connected to the school's Wi-Fi Network.

How will your student benefit from bringing an iPad to school?

- Every class will use the Microsoft OneNote application where students will be able to have full access at all times to lesson content. If they are away, the work is available as the lesson is happening.
- Textbooks will be accessed electronically to reduce the need to transport heavy textbooks.
- Increased accessibility with the curriculum in the classroom using iPad functions of increasing text size, voice to text and immersive reader.
- Teachers will be using Apple Classroom which allows teachers the ability to manage what the students are viewing and using the iPad for during class.
- Apple Classroom also allows the teacher to distribute individual work to students with different learning abilities.
- The Apple Pencil/Stylus allows students to be able to annotate on screen, take notes, sketch ideas, mark up documents and show working out and thinking.
- Developing skills for the digital technologies of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## Minimum requirements

- iPad (see the below for specifications)
- Protective case with a built-in keyboard
- Apple Pencil / stylus

Operating System	Device
iPadOS 14	iPad 7 (A2197, A2200, A2198)
	iPad 8 (A2270, A2428, A2429, A2430)
	iPad Air 2
25	iPad Air 3
	iPad Pro

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