

## Student Device Requirements

The iPad remains suited to the needs of learners in the **Junior Schools (Years 3-6)**. The mobility, weight and durability of iPads continues to make the iPad the preferred learning device in the Junior School for the foreseeable future.

The requirements and programs for our students, as they progress through their school journey, vary significantly.

The volume of content created during Senior School is substantially more than in Junior School. Teacher to student feedback and workflow as well as delivery and availability of blended learning content are significantly more efficient when using a device with a full operating system.

It is within these parameters that we are recommending a more universally acceptable and progressive use of technology in the Senior School.

Device Requirements for Junior School (Years 3-6) and Senior School Students Years 7-12	
<b>Years 3-6</b>	iPad Air or above – Standard size, (Wi-Fi Only is recommended & not iPad Mini) Recommended Apps available here: <a href="http://applist.firbank.vic.edu.au">http://applist.firbank.vic.edu.au</a>
<b>Years 7-12</b>	Device that runs the current or previous version of one of the following x86 Operating Systems; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mac OSX</li> <li>• Microsoft Windows</li> </ul>

We highly recommend that new devices are purchased with a comprehensive three-year warranty and a robust case. In the Senior School, mobile phones and iPads are not suitable as the primary BYOD learning device but remain a valuable additional device.

If you currently have a device and are unsure of the suitability please complete a self-check on the operating system by browsing to this link on the device: <http://whatsmyos.com/>

## Apple Family Funded Program

Parents at Firbank have the option to purchase directly from the Apple Store at Southland. There is a 6-10% discount on purchases depending on the product. Please note that Firbank does not have a school portal with Apple and if a

device is out of stock in the Apple store you can call 133622 and request Family Funded pricing with Firbank and the online team will provision your requests.

## Free Microsoft Office Download

All students from Year 3-12 at Firbank have free access to the Microsoft Office suite to install on up to 5 personal devices (including iPad). New students and students entering Year 3 will need to wait until the commencement of the school year to receive their network credentials in order to activate this offer.

<https://products.office.com/en-au/student/office-in-education>