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Dear Parents and Caregivers of BYO iPad students

This letter provides you with information about the start of the iPad Program in 2026. It begins in week two of term one. Your child's classroom teacher will provide a more specific day at the beginning of the year through the class emails. Please look out for this.

There will be limited school devices available for students without a personally-owned device to share.

Suggested iPad models:

- New Model – iPad (A16) or iPad Air (M3) 64GB model
- Pre-used – iPad (9th or 10th gen) 64GB

McDowall recommends the 10.2 inch iPad. Please make sure that **iPadOS 26** is installed and regularly check that the iPad's software is up to date.

There are many apps that will be used by your student in the BYOiPad Program. To enable the school to provide apps and setting to your student's device we require that you install Company Portal at no additional cost. (Please see the document: WIFI Set Up using INTUNE – BYOiPad 2026).

Apple Office Suite apps come pre-installed on iPads but can be removed. Please see the list below to ensure the required Apple Suite apps are installed/re-installed.

*As per the Responsible Use Agreement, any home-based apps are not for use during school hours.

All iPads must be clearly named and remain in a **protective** case at all times.

Apps to be installed at home

Apple Office Suite Apps	**All iPads purchased after October 2013 can download these Apps at no cost during the initial set up.		
 Garage Band	 iMovie	 Books	 Mathletics
Company Portal - FREE		https://apps.apple.com/us/app/intune-company-portal/id719171358 This app provides access to the school WIFI service. It also provides access for students to download the apps required for learning at McDowall.	
 Book Creator Paid Version (\$5.99)			



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Apps installed by Company Portal

 Microsoft Word	 OneNote	 Teams	 Excel
 Powerpoint	 Outlook	 NAPLAN (This will update to 2026)	

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