



## CRAIGBURN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Bring Your Own (BYO) iPad Program - 2016

Dear Parents and Carers

We are pleased to have finalised the details of our BYO iPad Program for 2016.

At the end of last term via our [Term 3 Week 10 newsletter](#), we informed our community of our intentions to move forward and introduce a Bring Your Own Device (BYO) iPad program on a voluntary basis, commencing mid-term 1 of 2016.

As outlined in previous communications, a team of ten 'digital teacher leaders' along with school leadership have undertaken extensive research in the area of BYO mobile device programs. This has involved networking with schools and educators across Australia who have successfully implemented whole school BYO iPad programs. Additionally, our ongoing professional learning experiences, including at [EduTECH](#) in June have deepened our knowledge and understanding of how mobile technology can be effectively used to enrich, enhance and transform learning and teaching.

Over the last 6 months, we have invested resources to upgrade our internet bandwidth and install specific web filtering software and hardware to enable our iPads to effectively operate within a school environment.

***We are now the position where we invite all families to consider the opportunity to participate in the BYO iPad program, on a voluntary basis at Craigburn, commencing mid-way through Term 1 2016.***

***To support families in considering this opportunity we have developed a detailed outline of our BYO iPad program which we ask all families to take time reading through before responding via an expression of interest ([online form](#)) to indicate your interest in participating.***

Links to the [BYO iPad Program Information and Expression of Interest Form](#) can be found on our:

- [Craigburn Connections news blog blogs.craigburn.sa.edu.au](#)
- [School Website www.craigburn.sa.edu.au](#)

The [expression of interest online form](#) will remain open - and families may register their interest at any time. This information will help us begin planning for the initial implementation of the program.

Further information to families will feature as part of our annual Acquaintance Night early in 2016.

In summary:

- The BYO iPad program is voluntary. Students who are not able to bring along a personal BYO iPad to school will continue to access iPads that are shared amongst classrooms.

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- A key aim of the iPad program is to increase student access to this technology, where teachers can plan for their effective use in learning programs based on the requirements of the Australian Curriculum.
- This is an iPad only program which means other mobile devices will not be supported. The majority of school's in Australia with BYO tablet programs are solely using iPads. It is important that we are able to use a common mobile platform where school shared and personal devices are being used, and for the consistent use of specific apps and resources.
- A range of iPad models from the iPad 2 will be supported. At this stage, iPad minis will be supported, although the preference is for the full screen model. Further details are provided in the Program Information.
- The program will be phased in from mid-term 1, 2016 for families wishing to participate.
- Parent support and education will be an important and ongoing part of the program.

We thank our Governing Council who have supported and endorsed our school's directions with this initiative.

We also thank families for their patience with the length of time we have taken to finalise our plans.

We trust you take time to read through the BYO iPad Program Information located on our school news blog [blogs.craigburn.sa.edu.au](http://blogs.craigburn.sa.edu.au) and also our school website [www.craigburn.sa.edu.au](http://www.craigburn.sa.edu.au) before responding to the expression of interest.

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