



iPads at Bellmere State School

information technology enriching learning

BYO iPad Program ***Updated December 2025***



Program Description

The aim of the iTEL (information technology enriching learning) program is to create and support teaching and learning in a digital learning environment. This program supports our Bellmere State School eLearning vision to educate and engage students utilising the rapidly developing and changing world of technology. The whole school actively uses and promotes ICT opportunities that are purposeful, engaging and intrinsically linked to curriculum, quality teaching practice and maximising student learning outcomes. eLearning at BSS provides the place, time and opportunity for students to access, evaluate and transform information beyond the immediate task.

Students will use their device for a range of purposes throughout all stages of learning such as planning and researching, applying and deepening knowledge, reflecting, evaluating and sharing. It is not expected that these devices will be in constant use nor replace the important need for students to learn to read and write using more traditional forms. Similar to all teaching and learning tools in our school, the devices will be used to enrich the learning experience.

Responsibilities – Student and Parents

Parents and Students

Parents and students will agree to and sign the terms and conditions of the iTEL Student Participation Agreement. Parents will be asked to discuss the participation agreement with their child, so that their child is aware of the acceptable use guidelines of their personal device whilst at Bellmere State School.

Parents agree to purchase and manage the nominated apps required to support the student's learning. The basic start-up suite of apps, suggested by the school, provides cross-curricular functionality and gives students the opportunity to engage in a vast range of digital learning.

Parents manage the iTunes store accounts - by law students under the age of 13 are unable to have these accounts, so Parents are advised to setup [Apple Family Sharing](#). They will need to back-up the device on a weekly basis either to a home computer or to 'The Cloud'. (See Appendix for links to some helpful documents to set up your child's iPad.)

Apps - all apps are purchased through the Apple App Store using Apple IDs. Parents are asked to download the apps when the list has been finalised. Parents are asked to purchase the apps that have been listed for their child's year level – please allow approx. \$30-40. Prior to these requests the apps will be approved by the BSS iTEL Committee that will ensure the apps are in line with the school vision.

Once the app is downloaded to the Family Organiser account it can be shared across multiple devices. Therefore, parents / carers who have more than one child in the program will purchase the suite and share across the devices. The app developers may periodically upgrade these apps and therefore parents need to ensure updates are completed at home.

Insurance

Please note that the school does not provide insurance coverage for the student-owned devices. Should any damage to a device occur through negligence of the school, the school will cover the repair cost. If damage is caused by deliberate or careless actions of other students, the school will endeavour to recover the costs of repair from those involved and behaviour consequences may apply. The decision around the responsibility for repair costs is at the discretion of the Principal.

While every effort is taken in the school environment to ensure the devices are kept secure and used appropriately, parents are encouraged to seek personal insurance. Check with your preferred insurance company or the iPad reseller about extended insurance coverage to cover times when it is outside the home environment

Please do not delete any school produced items, including photos, unless directed by the teacher.

Responsibilities – The School

The School

- The School will provide a lockable cupboard for the devices before school and during school breaks.
- Classroom teachers will regularly revisit the safe and acceptable use of the devices with all students.
- Classroom teachers will discuss the participation agreement with the students, so that all are aware of the acceptable use guidelines of their personal device whilst at Bellmere State School.
- Classroom teachers will support students with the configuration of the device to access the approved Department of Education, Training and Employment (DETE) secure Internet filtered environment as well as the use of applications throughout all stages of learning.
- The iTEL Committee will ensure that the list of recommended apps provide cross curricular functionality and give students the opportunity to engage in a vast range of digital learning in line with the Bellmere State School vision.
- The school will maintain professional development for teachers working in the program.
- Throughout the year the school will host information sessions for parents and students that will focus on the management of the devices and using applications to create digital content.

The Process

- Parents sign the agreement and return to the school office- sent to the class teacher.
- App list (pre-Prep) is attached to this document with step by step instructions.
- Parents purchase and setup device.

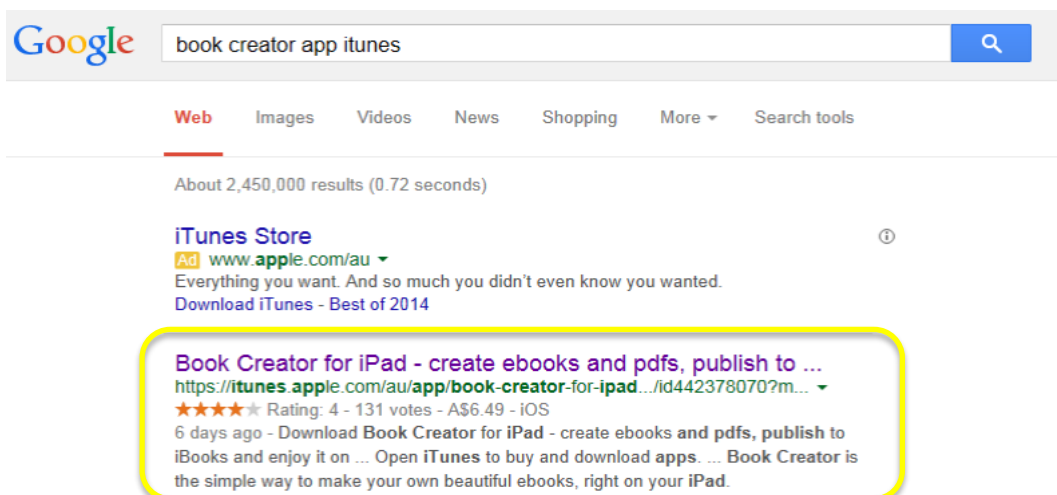
Apps at School

We understand that students have games for recreational purposes on their devices. At times teachers will allow access to these games at school for reward and iPad Clubs.

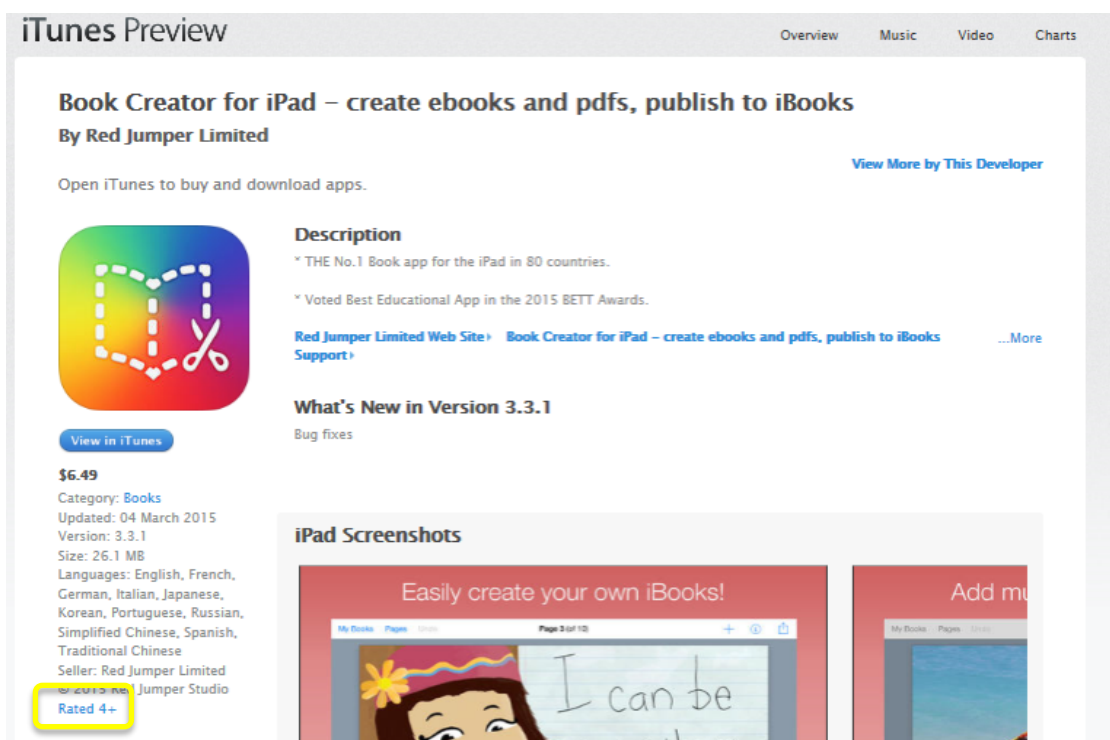
However, students at our school may only access the following games during school hours:

- Year 1-3: 4+ Rating only
- Year 4-6: no higher than a 9+ Rating
- All Year Levels : Apps on the BSS list

If you are not sure of an App's rating you can find it by doing a search and look for the iTunes AU store link for iPads. Below is an example of an iPad app search:



When you click on the link it will take you to the iTunes Preview. The rating can be found on the left hand side of the screen.



Closing Apps and Websites

To assist with battery life of the device, we recommend that the user shuts down the app after use and closes all websites that have been opened.

To close apps on an iPad:

1. Press the Home button two times quickly. You'll see small previews of your recently used apps.
2. Swipe left to find the app you want to close.
3. Swipe up on the app's preview to close it.

Closing Websites:

Students who use Safari or Google to search Youtube, Facebook or Gaming sites at home are to close these before they enter the school. As these sites are blocked in our school environment it may cause the students difficulties in joining the school Wi-Fi network. Please check that your child has closed these sites and their gaming apps before they enter the school.

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Please find details on preparing your child's iPad for school. As this is a phasing in year, there will be many models of iPads coming in to the school. As discussed with parents who have chosen to try out older models of iPads, there will be some additional steps you will need to do to prepare the iPad. If after all steps have been taken, and we are unable to get the iPad to fulfil the requirements, we will let you know.

If you have the latest models with 32g or 64g capacity, then you should have no issues with leaving additional games/apps/music etc. on the machine, in addition to the school nominated apps. If however you have a 16g model, you will need to wipe the machine clean in order for the school nominated apps to work.

Recommended models:

To keep up with the demands of our department's network, and to ensure compatibility with apps required, we recommend that students have **the latest model released**.

However, if not the latest model, only iPads from the past 3 years should be purchased. This includes:

- iPad 10th Gen

- iPad Air 6th Gen

- iPad Pro 7th Gen

- iPad Mini are **NOT RECOMMENDED**

iPad [\[edit\]](#)

Model	Announced	Release(d)		Discontinued	Support		
		With OS	Date		Latest OS	Ended	Lifespan ^[a]
iPad (1st)	January 27, 2010	iPhone OS 3.2	April 3, 2010	March 2, 2011	iOS 5.1.1	May 25, 2012	2 years, 1 month
iPad 2	March 2, 2011	iOS 4.3	March 11, 2011	March 18, 2014	iOS 9.3.5 iOS 9.3.6	August 25, 2016 (Wi-Fi) July 22, 2019 (Wi-Fi + Cellular)	5 years, 5 months (Wi-Fi) 8 years, 4 months (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
iPad (3rd)	March 7, 2012	iOS 5.1	March 16, 2012	October 23, 2012			4 years, 5 months (Wi-Fi) 7 years, 4 months (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
iPad (4th)	October 23, 2012	iOS 6.0	November 2, 2012	October 16, 2014	iOS 10.3.3 iOS 10.3.4	July 19, 2017 (Wi-Fi) July 22, 2019 (Wi-Fi + Cellular)	4 years, 8 months (Wi-Fi) 6 years, 8 months (Wi-Fi + Cellular)
iPad (5th)	March 21, 2017	iOS 10.3	March 24, 2017	March 27, 2018	iPadOS 16.7.12	September 15, 2025	8 years, 5 months
iPad (6th)	March 27, 2018	iOS 11.3	March 27, 2018	September 10, 2019	iPadOS 17.7.10	August 20, 2025	7 years, 8 months
iPad (7th)	September 10, 2019	iPadOS 13.1	September 25, 2019	September 15, 2020	iPadOS 18.7.2	<i>Supported</i> November 5, 2025	6 years, 2 months
iPad (8th)	September 15, 2020	iPadOS 14.0	September 18, 2020	September 14, 2021	<i>Latest iPadOS</i> iPadOS 26.1	<i>Supported</i> November 3, 2025	5 years, 2 months
iPad (9th)	September 14, 2021	iPadOS 15.0	September 24, 2021	May 7, 2024			4 years, 2 months
iPad (10th)	October 18, 2022	iPadOS 16.1	October 26, 2022	March 4, 2025			3 years, 1 month
iPad (11th)	March 4, 2025	iPadOS 18.3.1	March 12, 2025	Current			8 months

iPad Air [[edit](#)]Main article: *iPad Air*

Model	Announced	Release(d)		Discontinued	Support		
		With OS	Date		Latest OS	Ended	Lifespan ^[a]
iPad Air (1st)	October 22, 2013	iOS 7.0.3	November 1, 2013	March 21, 2016	iOS 12.5.7	January 23, 2023	9 years, 2 months
iPad Air 2	October 16, 2014	iOS 8.1	October 22, 2014	March 21, 2017	iPadOS 15.8.5	September 15, 2025	10 years, 10 months
iPad Air (3rd)	March 18, 2019	iOS 12.2	March 18, 2019	September 15, 2020	Latest <i>iPadOS</i> iPadOS 26.1	Supported November 3, 2025	6 years, 8 months
iPad Air (4th)	September 15, 2020	iPadOS 14.1	October 23, 2020	March 8, 2022			5 years, 2 months
iPad Air (5th)	March 8, 2022	iPadOS 15.4	March 18, 2022	May 7, 2024			3 years, 9 months
iPad Air (6th)	May 7, 2024	iPadOS 17.5	May 15, 2024	March 4, 2025			1 year, 7 months
iPad Air (7th)	March 4, 2025	iPadOS 18.3.1	March 12, 2025	Current			8 months

iPad Pro [[edit](#)]Main article: *iPad Pro*

Model	Announced	Release(d)		Discontinued	Support		
		With OS	Date		Latest OS	Ended	Lifespan ^[a]
iPad Pro (1st) 12.9-inch	September 9, 2015	iOS 9.1	November 11, 2015	June 5, 2017	iPadOS 16.7.12	September 15, 2025	10 years
iPad Pro (1st) 9.7-inch	March 21, 2016	iOS 9.3	March 31, 2016				9 years, 5 months
iPad Pro (2nd)	June 5, 2017	iOS 10.3.2	June 13, 2017	October 30, 2018 (12.9" model) March 18, 2019 (10.5" model)	iPadOS 17.7.10	August 20, 2025	8 years, 6 months
iPad Pro (3rd)	October 30, 2018	iOS 12.1	November 7, 2018	March 18, 2020	Latest <i>iPadOS</i> iPadOS 26.1	Supported November 3, 2025	7 years, 1 month
iPad Pro (4th)	March 18, 2020	iPadOS 13.4	March 25, 2020	April 20, 2021			5 years, 8 months
iPad Pro (5th)	April 20, 2021	iPadOS 14.5	May 21, 2021	October 18, 2022			4 years, 7 months
iPad Pro (6th)	October 18, 2022	iPadOS 16.1	October 26, 2022	May 7, 2024			3 years, 1 month
iPad Pro (7th)	May 7, 2024	iPadOS 17.5	May 15, 2024	October 15, 2025			1 year, 6 months
iPad Pro (8th)	October 15, 2025	iPadOS 26.0.1	October 22, 2025	Current	1 month		

****The minimum** recommended storage size is 128GB** The larger storage, the better.

^ iPads with **3G/4G** capability pose a risk to student online safety as they can access **Non-Filtered Internet Searches** in the department's operating environment and can access information on the web freely.

Keep in mind that any personal applications and content placed on the device may interfere with the storage requirements for school use as 16GB of storage may be required by some classes.

Teachers will be using an app called 'Classroom' to increase the security and monitoring of student use of iPads whilst at school. This app works in a way that allows teachers to view what the students are working on when using their iPads, from the teacher's iPad. It allows teachers to monitor use and lock student in and out of apps. Only new iPads with update iOS 10.3 or later will allow Classroom to monitor them. It is strongly recommended that your child's iPad is compatible with this app (i.e. has the latest iOS update).

Apple devices meet the specifications for Education Queensland and will work quickly and easily on our network at school and for you at home (Internet access is via wireless). Network and platform maintenance costs to support the successful operation of the iPad devices at school will be covered by the school however hardware issues are the responsibility of parents. Visit the Apple website at www.apple.com.au for information about Apple warranty.

Step 1:

Create an **Apple ID and Password** if you haven't already got one (we advise you **NOT to tell your child** the Apple ID / Password). You can choose to use an existing Apple id in order to share apps or setup Family Sharing. However, if you use your personal ID you need to be aware that your personal information will download on to your child's iPad. We suggest you set up a separate Apple ID that is school related to avoid this.

Step 2:

Discuss elements of the iTEL@BellmereSS BYO iPad Program Charter with your child and the expectations in the **Student Participation Agreement**. Ensure that the school has a copy of your signed participation agreement form. Ensure that your child understands they are **NOT to share** their iPad with other students. Ensure that your child understands that they are not to capture photo, video or audio unless advised to do so by their class teacher. Ensure that your child understands that if their regular teacher is away, the **iPads may be expected to be locked away**. Students must not negotiate otherwise with relief teachers.

Step 3:

Purchase a **protective cover** for your child's iPad and consider a tempered glass screen protector and water resistant carry bag sleeve. It is advised that your child's iPad is in a **different compartment** to their drink bottle (in school bag). Parents are also advised to gain personal insurance on the iPad.

Step 4:

Load the required apps onto your child's iPad as per the required apps list, which is included in this document (pp. 9-12). You will note that **most apps required are free**, however, there are a few apps that have a cost to them. We have ensured that this cost is not excessive and only those that are deemed necessary for school use have been included in this group.

Step 5:

Keep a notebook for details of logins, username and passwords. Students will be given access to digital subscriptions that they will be able to access at home or at school (either on their laptop, computer or iPad). A note will be sent home with your child's individual details for these programs once this is set up.

Step 6:

Wireless setup at school. Our technician will personally set up the wireless connection to your child's iPad at school. When this has been completed, your child's iPad will automatically pick up the school's Wi-Fi network which screens access to the global internet.

Please see your child's class teacher if you experience difficulties with any items on this checklist

Required Apps Register

Whole School Required Apps are to be downloaded by all students at Bellmere SS. Teachers may request additional class apps (the Apps Register will be updated to reflect this) or they may suggest apps for individual students based on individual students learning needs.

If your child is accessing a Support Program, please only download the core app list. Any other apps required will be negotiated in consultation with Classroom Teacher, Support Teacher and Parent.

Required Apps Selection Process

At Bellmere State School, criteria is used to select required apps for the iTEL@BellmereSS BYO iPad Program (final approval for app selection is by the Principal or delegate). The 2 levels of required apps at Bellmere SS are:

- Whole School (all classes at Bellmere SS use these apps)
- Year Level (all classes in a year level use these apps)

An apps audit will occur at the end of each year to finalise required apps for the following year. Bellmere SS will endeavour to monitor apps for changes to ensure they continue to comply with our apps selection process.

Apps may be requested by the individual classroom teacher to support class learning or recommended to individual students to support individual students' specific learning needs.

App design - Design graphics/sound are appealing and visually stimulating
 App promotes creativity and imagination
 App encourages the use of higher order thinking skills including remembering and understanding, applying, analysing, evaluating and creating

Appropriate Content - Content is appropriate for student age (recommended age may suggest otherwise)

Differentiation - App settings and/or content can be easily customised to meet individual student needs

Engaging - App is motivating

Feedback - App provides specific and useful feedback

General - No in-app purchases required for use

Privacy - Student personal details are not shared
 Students are not required to enter personal details to create an account

Relevance - The app's focus has a strong curriculum connection appropriate for the intended learning

Sharing - Content/Data can easily be exported, copied or printed

Usability - Student can launch and operate the app independently

User Data - User data is saved from session to session

The iTEL@BellmereSS BYO iPad Program Charter outlines additional supporting information relating to consideration of app selection.

Parents, caregivers and students are encouraged to read the department's [Cybersafety and Cyberbullying guide for parents and caregivers](#).

While all Internet traffic at BellmereSS is filtered and monitored, parents are encouraged to monitor their child using the Internet outside of school.

Parents are welcome to email any questions or concerns to admin@bellmeress.eq.edu.au

Pre-Prep apps – iTEL@BellmereSS
 Supporting early learning in preparation for Prep



[ABCMouse: Reading and Maths Games](#)



[Sesame Street](#)



[Dr. Panda Town Tales: New Life](#)



[Allen Adventure](#)



[Toca Boca World \(Creating and Explore Your Story\)](#)



[Sago Mini World: Kids Games](#)



[Maths Age 3-5](#)



[Teaching Number Lines](#)



[Bee-Bot](#)



[SplashLearn: Kids Learning App](#)



2026 Bellmere iPad Apps



Design/Create/Share	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
iMovie	Free							
Stop Motion Studio	Free							
Popplet Lite	Free							
Showbie – Paperless Classroom	Free							
Doodle Buddy	Free							
Chalkboard	Free							
Class Dojo	Free							
iMotion	Free							
Draw & Tell	Free							
Seesaw Classroom	Free							
OneNote	Free							
Canva	Free							
Capcut	Free							
Numeracy Apps	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Geoboard	Free							
Number Pieces	Free							
Number Line	Free							
Number Frames	Free							
IXL Maths	Free							
Prodigy Math Game	Free							
Numbers	Free							
Literacy Apps	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Epic!	Free							
Eggy 100 HD	Free							

Productivity Apps	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Calculator	Free							
Dictionary & Thesaurus	Free							
Keynote	Free							
Pages	Free							
Kahoot!	Free							
Google	Free							
Google Earth	Free							
Adobe Reader	Free							
Blooket	Free							
Communication Apps	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Padlet	Free							
Digital Technologies Apps	Cost	Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Minecraft Education	Free							

Other Apps that may support learning (not required)

[Cargo-Bot:](#)

learn programming concepts for upper school.

[Puppet Pals 2:](#)

create animated cartoons.

[Maths, age 3-5:](#)

[Maths, age 4-6:](#)

[Number Line -](#)

Math Learning Centre

[Splice:](#)

edit and create video/movies (alternative to iMovie).

[BrainPOP Jr.:](#)

access to a great range of animated and educational content to support KLAS.

[BrainPOP Featured Movie:](#)

access to a great range of animated and educational content to support KLAS.

[Paper:](#)

be creative with sketching.

HELPFUL LINKS

Family Sharing - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201060>

Family Sharing and Apple ID for your child - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201084>

Family purchases and payments - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201079>

Share purchased content with Family Sharing - <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT201085>

Use Restrictions on your iPhone, iPad, and iPod touch - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201304>

Use Restrictions to prevent purchasing on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT204396>

Use Restrictions in iTunes on your Mac or PC - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201659>

We've given you tools to manage your privacy - <http://www.apple.com/au/privacy/manage-your-privacy/>

About privacy and Location Services - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT203033>

If you forgot the passcode for your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, or your device is disabled - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT204306>