

5 June 2013

Dear Parents,

**Re: Many to One Program, Year 6, Term 3 2013**

Learning is a natural part of being human; that is what helps us to grow as people. Yet, the way we learn can be different depending on who we are, where we are and what we are learning. There is not really one solution that suits everyone.

At St Stephen's School we grow people and we see teaching and learning as an opportunity to engage with each other in exciting learning experiences. Our use of technology is important in supporting these engaging learning relationships.

We are very excited about the expansion of our Many to One Program into Year 6 from the beginning of Term 3. We hope that staff, students and parents will be able to engage with each other using technology that is relevant to their particular needs. Whether it is iPads, laptops, and iPhones should not really matter. What matters is the learning experience and the relational context.

In introducing this program to Year 6 we are encouraging each child to have access to an iPad. This is simply the starting point, as no doubt the technology will keep on changing. The iPad will not replace what students learn. We hope it will enrich the learning experience and encourage our students to take increasing responsibility for their own learning.

We are continuing to recommend the iPad 32 GB Wifi only model as the preferred choice of device. (iPad generation 2, 3 or 4). We would like to acknowledge that the iPad Mini is also an attractive option and a suitable choice.

Students will be expected to charge their iPad each night at home. The battery life is rated at approximately 10 hours. A suitable cover is required and there are many to choose from. The Apple Smart Case (not Apple Smart Cover) is our recommendation. Covers are very much a personal choice. For some other suggestions and ideas go to <http://many2one.com.au/ipads/protect/>



Essential apps:-

There are already 300 000+ Apps for the iPad to choose from. We believe it is wiser to allow students to choose their own Apps. This will enable students to find the latest App suited to the task that matches their learning style, needs and budget. We are recommending the following core group of Essential Apps.

[Keynote](#) (\$10.49)

Keynote, the powerful presentation application for Mac, has been completely redesigned for iPad. It makes creating a world-class presentation, complete with animated charts and transitions, as simple as touching and tapping.

[Pages](#) (\$10.49)

Pages, the powerful word processor for Mac, has been completely redesigned for iPad. It's the most beautiful word processor you've ever seen on a mobile device. Documents look stunning on the bright, vivid iPad display.

[iMovie](#) (\$5.49)

Designed for the Multi-Touch screen, iMovie puts everything you need to tell your story at your fingertips. Browse and play projects in the stunning Marquee view. Make a movie in minutes by adding video, photos, music, and sound effects.

[iBooks](#) (Free)

iBooks is an amazing way to download and read books. Browse your library on a beautiful bookshelf, tap a book to open it, flip through pages with a swipe or a tap, and bookmark or add notes to your favourite passages.

[Dropbox](#) (Free with option to pay for more)

Dropbox is a free service that lets you bring all your photos, docs, and videos anywhere. After you install Dropbox on your computer, any file you save to your Dropbox will automatically save to all your computers, your iPhone and iPad and even the Dropbox website.

[Notability](#) (\$1.99)

Powerfully integrates handwriting, PDF annotation, typing, recording, and organising so you can take notes your way. Synchronisation is included and works well with Dropbox.

### **iPads in the Home: Parenting Tips from our Parents**

- 1 Talk to other parents. Find out what management strategies work and which ones don't. Appreciate that you are probably in the same boat as other families.
- 2 It is best to put rules in place from the very beginning.
- 3 BOUNDARIES. Be on guard and monitor your child's use of devices. Be consistent and persistent.
- 4 Try and ensure the use of devices within restricted hours and this should control the socializing and messaging that can go on through the night.
- 5 Setup the ability to be able to access and view content on all accounts like iTunes, iMessage, Instagram etc.

- 6 These devices will be a part of your child's future. It is best to embrace them and work with your child in this new world. View technology as an adventure and embark on the journey with your child.
- 7 Find out how the iPad works and what it can do. Get involved.
- 8 Use a Docking station in an open area of the house where iPads are to remain during appropriate times.
- 9 Ensure that when homework is being done, all social apps are turned off, or ignored, as it is the biggest distraction for completing homework. Perhaps a pre-arranged time for using acceptable social media can be scheduled.
- 10 Some parents may like to negotiate a deal with their child so that the iPad is used only as a school tool. It could be that the iPad belongs to the parent and is made available for the use for schoolwork only.
- 11 Be careful with credit card use. Do not link one to your child's iTunes account. It is better to use iTunes gift cards. (The use of iTunes will be discussed in depth at the proposed meeting on 12 June).
- 12 Ensure you have a protective case. The recommended cover has saved iPads on more than one occasion.
- 13 Purchase the iPad at the beginning of the holidays to work out all the issues early.
- 14 Use games judiciously – these can be used as a reward for good behaviour and restrict/uninstall the games as a consequence for bad behaviour. Note you can reinstall apps that have been paid for at any time later for free.
- 15 Trust your instincts. You know your child. Set rules based on what you know of their behaviours, in keeping with your family values.
- 16 Embrace change.
- 17 Don't use the iPad as a babysitting device.
- 18 Keep the children off Facebook until at least age 13.

For more information please visit [many2one.com.au](http://many2one.com.au) and our 'FAQ' and 'For Parents' sections.

A meeting will be held in the Primary Forum on Wednesday 12 June at 7:00pm where the use of iTunes, insurance, and protection of iPads will be the main themes. Please RSVP using the slip below to cater for group work sessions.

Kind regards,

Mrs Darnelle Pretorius  
Head of the Primary

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**RSVP SLIP to be returned to the Primary Office by Monday 10 June, 2013.**

I will/won't be attending the Year 6 iPad meeting on Wednesday 12 June at 7pm in the Primary Forum.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_