



RINGWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
YEAR 7 IPAD DIGITAL LEARNING PROGRAM 2022

October 28th, 2021

Dear Parent(s) /Carer,

Please find enclosed details of the Ringwood Secondary College (RSC) 2022 iPad Digital Learning Program for Year 7 students. This Digital Learning Program, implemented across Year 7 to 9, has a key focus of keeping students educationally engaged and digitally safe. The educational function of the device differs from consumer functionality, as it allows focused learning and the successful delivery of education in and out of the classroom.

The program allows all students to have improved access to learning technologies and online learning. It further aims to improve student engagement in regular classes and provide enhanced teaching and learning practices for both students and teachers.

The Year 7 to 9 iPad Program provides two options. The most popular option typically taken up by around 90 percent of families, is the school delivered program, made possible through a partnership with MyMac, where everything is included in the price.

Each student has 24/7 use of their own 256GB Wi-Fi iPad (9th Generation) and learning bundle, including an education designed keyboard cover with trackpad and digital pencil, upon payment through the dedicated portal, which is a one stop shop for RSC families.

Devices are enrolled into the school's management system, providing students with only the resources needed for their classes. This allows teachers to successfully manage devices and run classroom activity. At the end of the school's program, or when a student leaves the school, the device is reset and released from the school's management, providing full consumer access to the device.

Students will be provided with an individual school email address and school managed education AppleID. This is different to a consumer AppleID as it has educational benefits, including better access to dynamic materials and learning opportunities, and provides the College with the ability to deliver free and costly applications in the classroom with no additional costs to parents. Teachers can interact with student devices in the classroom, protecting students from being distracted in class and with a focus on keeping your child digitally safe.

1. **RSC School Delivered Program- Learning Device Bundle for 2022** visit <https://bit.ly/rsc2022>



Each parent/family can use the custom link or QR code above to access the RSC Learning Device Bundle from MyMac Online.

The College has been able to secure favourable pricing for students at the college and payment arrangements to assist in the affordability of the program. Please ensure that you complete your purchase via the **MyMac portal by December 7th, 2021** to take advantage of this opportunity.



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Parents can complete their purchases with credit or debit card (Visa or Mastercard) or by Zip Pay (offering a interest free repayment for as low as \$40 a month). If choosing Zip Pay, Parents/families will need an existing or new account with Zip Pay that will be available at the time of your online purchase with MyMac.

Due to a recent regulatory change in October 2021 by the ACCC affecting the sale of insurance, AppleCare+ can only be purchased directly from Apple after receiving the device. MyMac will send a courtesy email around the time of the RSC Induction at the college with instructions of how to purchase AppleCare+ from Apple. Around 90 percent of families have taken this option in the past and it is highly recommended by the college to reduce costs if a device is accidentally damaged.

Once the Year 7 Learning Device Bundle has been purchased, MyMac will email the parent with the RSC Induction Registration Link to enrol the child into the RSC Induction, where they will pick up and setup their iPad with the College in preparation of Term 1 2022.

2. RSC - BYOD iPad

The College's platform and program for Year 7 to 9 also supports other BYO iPad devices that are disconnected from iCloud and the AppStore, and are reset to factory defaults. It is essential for learning in all year levels to have devices at the minimum specification to help ensure equity and capability for all students. For Year 7 students in 2022 it is essential the iPad is brought to the College in "out of the factory" condition to ensure it can be enrolled correctly onto the College's program and network. Please do not set up the iPad or if you have, please back-up, erase and reset it.

For device set-up, 2022 Year 7 parents are asked to deliver the iPad, clearly labelled with your child's name, to the Ringwood SC Administration office between 9.00 am and 3:00 pm on either **Monday January 10th**, **Monday January 24th** or **Tuesday January 25th, 2022**. Under this arrangement, you will need to supply a 128GB Wi-Fi iPad (8th Generation) or higher, robust keyboard cover with trackpad and digital pencil. If you wish to choose this option, please complete the online **BYOD form** <https://bit.ly/rscbyod22> by **December 7th, 2021**.

We'd like to advise parents to consider placing orders with MyMac in November or as early as possible to help ensure delivery before the new school year, due to global component shortages. Thank you for your ongoing support. Should you have any general queries, please contact digital.learning@ringwoodsc.vic.edu.au

Kind regards,

Michael Phillips
Principal