Which iPad does your daughter require, Cases & Purchasing Apps

Marymount College require students to use an Apple iPad of Generation 2 or newer for year 7 and 8 in 2014.

Generation 1 iPads (the original iPad) does not contain a camera and is no longer supported by the latest iOS operating system.

The use of a single (branded) device, ensures consistency of access for students and teachers in learning.

Some considerations if looking to purchase from new:
As at the end of last October (2013), Apple released the lated generation iPad: ‘iPad Air’.
The previous version (generation 4) is now one year old - and therefore one year closer to a point in time where it will no longer be supported. As new as possible - where possible, is always best to maintain longevity.

Primary differences between ‘iPad 4’ and ‘Air’ models include:
• Slightly smaller dimensions, including thickness and weight
• Faster and more powerful processor (64bit - able to take advantage of newer robust and powerful apps whilst also improving responsiveness)
• Wifi has been improved through new antenna design
• Cameras, battery life (10hrs) and screen have all remained the same.

Can my daughter use an iPad Mini?
In some circumstances, we are aware that a small number of students already own a personal iPad Mini. In these circumstances, and to keep family costs down, these students are permitted to use these devices.

So why a full size iPad?
Whilst an iPad Mini can perform the same functions as a full-sized iPad, much of what is done for student learning centres around designing and creating - not just reading. The smaller screen size of a mini (whilst not impossible) does make the tactile space for design and creation difficult and ‘fiddly’.

Memory Size & WiFi vs Cellular
iPads can come in four different memory sizes: 16Gb, 32Gb, 64Gb and 128Gb. Any of these sizes will suffice. Please bear in mind, the smaller the memory, the quicker it will fill with data and files. It is the responsibility of the student to ensure memory is managed to accommodate learning tasks - this may include the deletion of quantities of ‘selfies’!

Either WiFi or cellular models are acceptable.
If a cellular model is used and contains a working SIM, students must remain on the College WiFi network while on campus. Switching to cellular data circumvents College filtering and contravenes the Acceptable User Agreement.
Purchasing
As the device is a personal device - purchased by the family (not owned by the College), methods of purchase are entirely up to individual families. You are therefore welcome to purchase from any retail outlet of your choice.
Marymount College does have a connection to a technology Partner (OzMac Solutions) and does offer to purchase on your behalf. Towards the end of 2014, information will come home asking to indicate your preferred method of purchase. Past experience has shown costs between College and self purchase are similar.
Marymount College is aware of financial pressures placed on some of our families. For that reason, we urge you to please contact the College should you encounter difficulties.

CASES
Protective cases are requirement for the student’s iPad. Acceptable cases must meet only two requirements:
- Protected corners - to prevent corner bumps (nearly all cases do this)
- A front fold-over cover - to protect the screen when other objects may be inadvertently placed on top.
In the instance of ‘Otter-Box’ like cases (very rugged cases but offer no screen protection), we would still prefer students to have some form of screen protection in place.
A conversation between parents / carers and your daughter is a wise starting point when deciding cases so as to find a balance between ‘ruggedness and “prettiness”’.

PURCHASE OF APPS
Students are required to have a selection of apps as determined by the College installed on their device.

Marymount College is enrolled in Volume Purchasing for apps. In the vast majority of cases, we can purchase apps at approximately 50% cheaper than through the (retail) Apple app store.
To best facilitate this, all families will be billed $50 to their school account. These funds are then used on your behalf to purchase the specified apps. The apps always remain the property of the student / family and are not owned in any way by the College. Marymount’s role is simply to facilitate their purchase and in effect allow more for your money.
*There is no need to purchase an iTunes voucher for your daughter.*

Prior to the end of 2013, a list will be sent home indicating what apps will be purchased - so as to avoid multiple purchases over the summer break.

| Wifi Only | 16GB | 32GB | 64GB | 128GB |
| WiFi + Cellular | 16GB | 36GB | 64GB | 128GB |

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