Marymount employs a parent funded 1:1 iPad program which brings together the connected, mobile and creative aspect of digital learning to our students at any time during the day. The device is purchased and managed by the family/student. Whilst increasingly common, Parent Funded models encourage student personal responsibility with respect to care of their device. To support this, the College invests heavily into high-quality and extensive wireless infrastructure covering all buildings and grounds (ex: far-side oval) where students experience high-speed internet connectivity and no drop-outs. Marymount also continues to broaden digital technology and media equipment to continually expand the range of learning opportunities for students.

Classrooms and learning spaces are fitted with projectors and AppleTV devices. Students are able to instantly and wirelessly stream learning content for classroom sharing. This is a highly utilised system that allows simplicity in sharing work and classroom collaboration.

Marymount Teaching Staff undertake on-going Professional Learning around the successful implementation of the iPad as a tool for successful student learning and are proficient in their use.

All students are provided a personal College email and network access details. These are all strictly filtered and monitored by the full-time Network Administrator. Email is accessible both on and off campus where an internet connection is active.

Can my daughter use an iPad Mini?
In short, no. 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’.

Which iPad does my daughter require?
When looking to maximise the usage life of any device, purchasing the most recent model will always be a significant factor. For this reason, Marymount recommends ‘iPad Air 2’. ‘iPad Air’ models can also be worth considering - particularly for those students starting in Year 8. iPads of an older generation than the ‘Air’ series are based on pre-2012 technology and have found to struggle under modern applications. With respect to storage size, we recommend for iPad Air 2: 64GB WiFi only and for iPad Air: 32GB WiFi only (*note: Air 2 models do not include a 32GB option). While 16GB iPads will still function, storage space will be severely restrictive.

iCloud
As part of the set-up process, iPads use cloud storage for the purposes of saving document and image files and where necessary, device back-ups. Files saved on iCloud aid in preventing file loss and can be accessed via any internet active computer. Students are required to ensure effective management and maintenance of storage space.

Cases
Protective cases are a mandatory 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 still require 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.

Purchasing Apps
The teaching staff at Marymount have spent a great deal of time carefully selecting specific apps to best meet the diverse needs of student use. All the required apps are purchased through the College on your behalf. As an educational institution, we are able to access volume purchasing of apps. This typically allows purchasing at half the retail price. There is no need to purchase an iTunes voucher for your daughter.

Launch Evenings for NEW Students
At the beginning of the year, each student and at least one parent/carer must attend a Launch Evening (typically split over multiple nights to cater for numbers). Whilst these evenings are a very exciting time for our students, we do cover the essential aspect of the College iPad Program Acceptable User. Please note, students are not to bring their iPad to school until the User Agreement has been signed.

Device Safety & eSafety
As per the User Agreement, the device is the responsibility of students/families. Where necessary, please ensure your Home Contents Insurance covers mobile devices – as would be the case for mobile phones etc. Marymount has strictly adhered to guidelines relating to device storage and non-use. As a College, we value highly the importance of building and fostering personal relationships. Mobile devices of any kind are not permitted during recess and lunch breaks and must remain locked in lockers during this time.

Built in to the learning programs of the College, students spend time to focus on the importance of eSafety and Digital Citizenship. It is absolutely essential that parents/carers take an active role in supporting their daughter in this area.