

# iPad: suggestions from a parent

## What kind of iPad will you need?

The teachers will have their own requirements, but there are a few options.

### At the moment, you can buy:

- the most recent **iPad Air** with just wifi or cellular+wifi in multiple memory sizes (16gb, 32gb, 64gb etc)
- the **iPad mini** (but remember some secondary schools won't accept these)
- a new **16gb iPad 2** (has a camera, but not the fancy 'retina display' screen).
- **second hand** and refurbished iPads: [store.apple.com/au/refurbished-iPad](http://store.apple.com/au/refurbished-iPad)

At this stage, Canadian Lead is happy for you to use an iPad one, but remember it doesn't have a camera, and second hand they are still quite expensive.

### Wifi or Wifi + Cellular?

If you have wifi set up at home, you probably just need the wifi only version. The school utilises wifi.

If you don't have internet at home, and you want your child to be able to access the 'net away from school, then you may prefer to buy a wifi+cellular iPad and use a pre-paid sim card (like you have in your phone) with data. You'll need to do some homework as pre-paid data can be expensive.



*If your child is in grade 3 or 4, grab the iPad that will suit them for the next few years. 32gb seems a good size.*

*If they are in grade 5 or 6, you might want to consider what they'll need at secondary school – check with the school. 64gb or higher might be appropriate.*

*iPads have a good lifespan and hold their value well.*

## Invest in a really good cover

*The school has rules around iPad care, but a good case is your last line of defence! You can buy cheapish covers, but the investment in one that can handle being knocked, dropped, wet etc. is cheap insurance!*

## Once you have your iPad, it's time to lock it down people!

Personally, I recommend setting up a few home rules before the iPad is even out of its box. At what times is your child allowed to use their iPad and for how long? What are they allowed to access? Set up a charging station (away from the child's bedroom) and make sure that's where it lives when not in use!

### Apple ID

At primary school, I don't recommend giving your child the password to their Apple ID.

#### • Set up two Apple IDs > One for school, one for home

The school will set up an Apple ID so your child's teacher can install the apps they need for school.

If you want your child to have access to other apps, music etc at home, you will need to set up another ID. I suggest using your email address (not the child's) and a password they don't have access to. This way you will have to enter the password when ever they want to buy something. If they happen to buy something else while the window of opportunity is open, the receipt will go to your email!

#### • More than one iPad?

If you have more than one iPhone/iPad, it may be cost effective to have the one ID on both devices so they can access the same apps and music (in otherwise, so you don't buy them twice). You can't access apps and music across separate Apple IDs, even if you own them both.

## Setting up

If you don't want a credit card attached to your child's Apple ID, make sure you have an iTunes card on hand when you first set it up.

You can often find iTunes cards at 20% off at one store or another.

*Please note: this info is really just referring to Canadian Lead Primary School. Kids at secondary will need different things. Also, please don't consider any of this info legally binding! I just aim to help answer a few questions. You'll need to determine what is best for your family and your child.*



## Settings

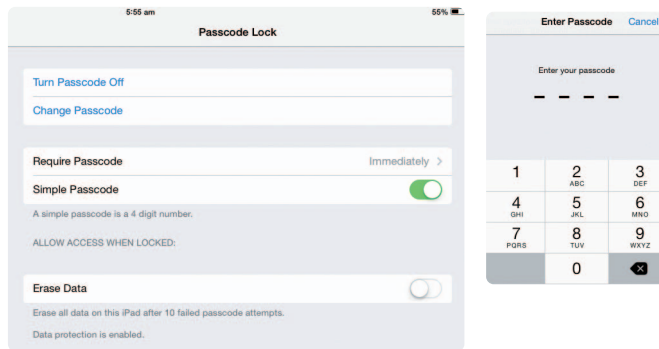
This will be personal preference, but I recommend turning off everything that goes looking at the internet without you asking it to, whether you access 'the cloud' or not. It can chew up heaps of data!

Dig around, there are lots of places within settings to adjust how the iPad may be used. Here are a few examples that might save battery life and data download.

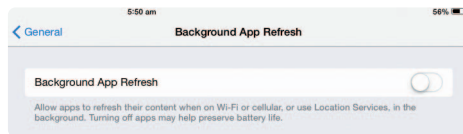
### Under restrictions

#### Set a pass code

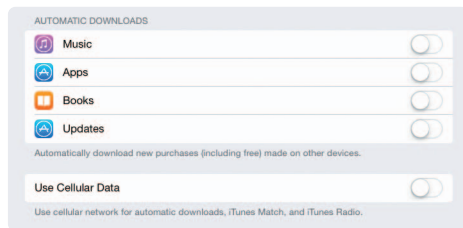
A pass code is different to your Apple ID. Your child will need to know and remember their pass code.



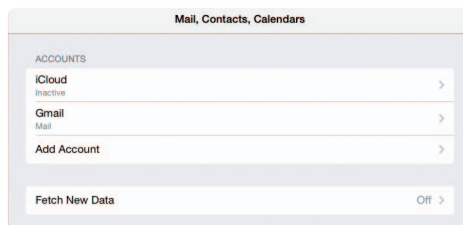
#### Turn OFF auto updates



#### Turn OFF auto refresh apps



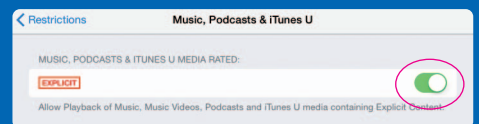
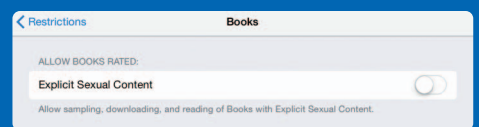
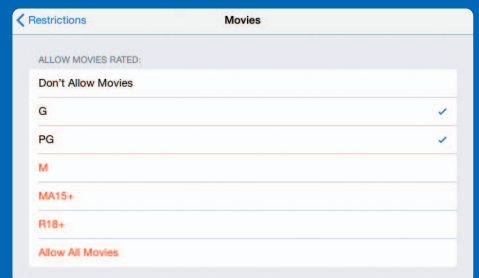
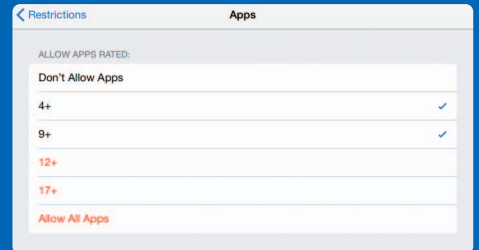
#### Turn OFF Fetch New Data



## Cyber safety

Cyber safety is another conversation you'll want to have with your child, but there are a few things you can do within the restrictions settings on your iPad. You might want to turn off explicit content, and set some parental limits using a separate parent passcode in 'Restrictions'.

### Enter the settings that suit your family.



Green means on. Switch to OFF

## Recommendations

Go to the iPad's calendar and set a daily alarm for the time you want iPads off for the day!

Set up a charging station away from your child's room, where the iPad goes when it's shut-down time.

If you let your kids watch YouTube, tell them to view it in a low-ish resolution (eg 420p). High Definition (HD) YouTube chews up data.