Welcome!

Welcome to our very first edition of iLearn@HilliardSS eMag dedicated to supporting our school’s BYO iPad Program. It’s hard to believe where Term 1 has gone, only 2 weeks to go until the Easter holiday period. In 2014, Hilliard State School introduced 9 bring your own iPad classes across every year level. We were well prepared for this exciting initiative and have had only minor hiccups along the way. We have already started to see some of the benefits including high level student engagement, increased productivity for both teachers and students and an increased skillset conducive for 21st century citizens. Our intention will be to send out a monthly issue of iLearn@HilliardSS to our community.

Installing and updating Apps

We recommend that parents update their child’s iPad on a regular basis, at least each fortnight, as some apps are updated with valuable additional features. If you experience difficulty with this, please see your child’s class teacher.

Student Participation Agreement

This agreement sets out the expectations for students to abide by when bringing to school and using their iPad to support their learning. We strongly encourage parents to regularly remind their child of these rules. It is important that students do not capture photo, video or audio unless advised to do so by their class teacher. Many students are using their iPads before school to engage with their learning e.g. Mathletics or to access other appropriate apps. Either is fine however we expect that apps are age appropriate. The agreement can be found on the last page of the Hilliard-ss-BYO-iPad-Program-2014 found here: https://hilliardss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Pages/iPads@hilliardss.aspx

Secure Storage of Student iPads in Classroom

Each BYO iPad classroom has a lockable cabinet with inbuilt storage for the students’ iPads to be securely stored when not being used. When a BYO iPad class teacher is away, student iPads are usually expected to be locked away for the day. We ask that parents discuss this expectation with their child so that there is no confusion from the student and relief teacher.
LOGIN DETAILS FOR APPS

Students in the iPad classes may be required to use a number of different login ids and passwords to access different apps and the Internet and email. These may include: Mathletics, Lexile, Razkids, Spelling City and more. If you are unsure of your child’s login details, please contact their class teacher.

TOGETHER WE LEARN, LEAD AND SUCCEED

BYO iPad Teachers have met weekly in Term 1 during which time they share the progress of using the iPads in their classroom. Many of the non BYO iPad teachers have expressed an interest in attending these meetings and also to teach an iPad class in 2015. From Term 2, all Hilliard SS teachers will be invited to attend these meetings. Later this year, we will gauge the interest of our community to expand our program and create additional BYO iPad classes.

Feedback

Feedback and support, contact your child’s class teacher, or feedback regarding the BYO iPad program at Hilliard SS or this or future issues of this eMag email iPads@hilliardss.eq.edu.au

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