

MRSS 2025 iLearn Device Requirements

Minimum device requirements:

Students require access to an iPad that can utilise the latest operating system (currently iPadOS 17.0) and support the installation of the most recent applications. As all devices **must** be subject to the filtering of our internet system, a **Wi-Fi model is strongly recommended**. If you own or purchase a cellular model, the <u>SIM card **will need to be removed** for use at school</u>.

Purchasing a new iPad:

If purchasing a new iPad, the optimum model is the **standard iPad (10th Generation; 10.2") with either 64GB or 256GB storage.** If purchasing an iPad with 64GB storage, please keep in mind that any personal applications and content placed on the device may interfere with the storage requirements for school use, this will just need to be carefully managed to ensure there is enough space on the device for learning activities.

Alternatively, a standard iPad (9th Generation; 10.2") with either 64 GB or 256GB storage as well as a standard iPad (8th Generation; 10.2") with 128GB is also suitable. Please note that the **standard iPad is strongly preferred** for school use over the iPad mini due to the larger screen size.

We have again teamed with JB HiFi to support families with purchasing an iPad. JB Hi-Fi has a parent portal linked to our school that has devices and specifications ready for purchase. The school code is **MARSHALLROADSS2025** and the portal can be accessed at <u>https://byod.jbhifi.education</u>



Using an existing iPad:

If using an existing iPad, please ensure that the device will run the current operating system (currently iPadOS 17.0).

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Insurance/device protection:

You may consider purchasing insurance/device protection (e.g. AppleCare+) when purchasing your device. Insurance/device protection that offers technical support and hardware coverage, including accidental damage, is recommended. Education Queensland's insurance policies do not cover student owned devices.

Protective case and screen protector:

To protect the device, we **strongly recommend** a fully enclosed case with a clear tempered glass screen protector. Please check the case doesn't block the headphone jack and camera.

You may also consider purchasing a waterproof sleeve to put the iPad inside (in its case) to protect from possible drink spillage in your child's bag.

Keyboard:

Purchasing a keyboard is **strongly recommended**. The iPad has an onscreen keyboard that is suitable, however when in use this keyboard reduces the 'screen size real estate' at the same time. Purchasing a separate, affordable Bluetooth keyboard enables the screen and keyboard to be positioned at optimal heights to minimise risks of muscle discomfort and strain. The benefits of purchasing a Smart keyboard or Bluetooth keyboard to use with the device include ease of typing, improved view of work on screen, and additional input options when programming.

Headphones:

Headphones are **no** longer part of our Student Resource Scheme (SRS) . Purchasing headphones is **strongly recommended** as these are required for a number of different applications. Please review JB HiFi information for suggestions on headphones that work with the latest iPads.

Touch screen stylus pen:

Purchase of a touch screen stylus pen is optional.

A stylus is useful for note-taking, sketching and annotating during the learning process. There are affordable stylus pens on the market from a range of brands that work effectively with the iPad. If purchasing a stylus, one with a pen-shaped tip is preferable to one with a rubber tip.