

iPad Policy

General Notes



INTRODUCTION

The iPad program, which has been adopted by Al Siraat College, seeks to enhance learning for our students by utilising 21st century learning tools. The usage of individual iPads empowers students to improve their self-initiated learning and collaboration and prepare them for further studies and the workplace.

A dynamic interaction among students, educators, parents, and the extended community enhances student learning. Technology does not diminish the vital role of the teacher. On the contrary, it transforms the teacher from a director of learning to a facilitator of learning. Effective teaching and learning with iPads integrate technology into the curriculum at any time and any place. This document outlines the guidelines and acceptable use policy for all students using iPad devices at the College.

SCOPE

This document applies to all parents and students of Al Siraat College who utilise iPads at the College, voluntarily or under requirement. Usage of iPad devices constitute consent to the policy and guidelines set out in this document.

TAKING CARE OF THE IPAD – GENERAL NOTES

Students are responsible for the general care of the iPad they use at Al Siraat College. It is the responsibility of the child to take care of the iPad. iPads that are broken or fail to work properly, must be taken to IT Support as soon as possible.

GENERAL PRECAUTIONS

- The iPad is the College property and should be treated with respect and care.
- Only use a clean, soft cloth to clean the screen. Do not use cleansers of any type.
- Cords and cables must be inserted carefully into the iPad to prevent damage.
- iPads must never be left in an unattended backpack, unlocked car, or any unsupervised area.
- iPads should not be exposed to extreme temperatures, direct sunlight, or moisture, which may affect their performance or cause permanent damage.
- Students are responsible for keeping the iPad's battery charged for each college day.
- Students must always keep the iPad in the supplied protective casing.

DAMAGED IPADS

- iPads that are broken or fail to work should be taken to IT Support. Any costs of repair and postage will be charged to parents including the protective case e.g., broken screen.

CARRYING IPADS

- The College will provide a suitable case for your iPad. Any other case must be approved by the College to ensure it has sufficient padding to protect the iPad from normal treatment and provide a suitable means for carrying the device within the College. The guidelines below should be followed:
 - iPads must always be within the protective case.
 - Protective cases should cover all corners of the device and provide front and back protection.

- Some carrying cases can hold other objects (such as folders and workbooks), but these should be kept to a minimum to avoid placing too much pressure and weight on the iPad screen.

SCREEN CARE

- The iPad screens can be damaged if subjected to rough treatment. Screens and corners are particularly sensitive to damage from excessive pressure. Use a screen protector for extra protection from scratches and impacts.
- Do not lean on the top of the iPad when it is closed.
- Do not place anything near the iPad that could put pressure on the screen.
- Do not place anything in the carrying case that will press against the cover.
- Clean the screen with a soft, dry cloth or anti-static cloth. Use of harsh chemicals WILL damage the screen.
- Do not “bump” the iPad against lockers, walls, car doors, floors, etc. as it will eventually break the screen.

IPAD REPAIRS

To ensure any repairs to iPads does not void the manufacturer’s (Apple) warranty:

- Students should never attempt to repair an iPad.
- The College will send the device for repair to relevant approved service technicians.

IPAD IDENTIFICATION

- The College will record the iPad’s serial number on the College database.
- The device will remain a college asset and property of the College.

INSURANCE COVERAGE

If students or parents wish to carry their own additional personal insurance to protect the iPad in cases of theft, loss, or accidental damage, they should consult their insurance agent for details about their personal coverage of the iPad.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

General recommendations for the use of the iPad include:

- Avoiding extended use of the iPad while resting it on your lap. The bottom of the iPad can generate as much heat as a laptop.
- Take frequent breaks when using the iPad for long periods of time. Look away from the iPad approximately every fifteen minutes.
- Take caution as to the location of any charging cables at home to prevent creating trip hazards.

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Using the iPad at the College



The use of iPad at Al Siraat College is solely for educational purposes only. iPads are intended for use at the College each day. Individual teachers may have certain expectations about what students have on the iPad. Students are responsible for bringing the iPad to all classes - unless specifically instructed not to do so by their teacher.

IPADS LEFT AT HOME

- Students are responsible for getting the iPad dependent work completed if iPads are not brought to the College.

KEEPING YOUR IPAD SECURE AT SCHOOL AND AFTER HOURS

- When a student or their class is out of the classroom, iPads must be locked up in a secure location (securely locked room or locker).
- iPads must not be left at the College overnight. Any iPad left at School after hours will be your responsibility.

CHARGING YOUR IPAD'S BATTERY

- iPads must be brought to the College each day in a fully charged condition. Students need to charge the iPads each evening.
- In cases where use of the iPad has caused batteries to become discharged due to not being fully charged the previous night, students may not be permitted to charge their iPads at the College.

CAMERAS

The iPad camera is a powerful tool for enhancing learning experiences. To ensure it is used appropriately and effectively within the school environment, the following guidelines must be adhered to by all students.

- Examples of acceptable use include taking photos/videos for learning tasks, documenting experiments, field trips and learning experiences, creating multimedia presentations or projects.
- Students should not be using the iPad camera for taking photos and videos for social purposes or social media. Students are not allowed to take photos or videos of teachers and staff without permission.

SOUND, MUSIC, PICTURES, GAMES OR PROGRAMS

- Sound must be always muted unless permission is obtained from the teacher. Students can bring headphones to class to accompany the iPad.
- Music is not allowed on the iPad without the consent of the teacher and for educational use.
- Inappropriate (as deemed by the College) media may not be used as a screensaver or background photo. Inappropriate content (as deemed by the College) must be removed as requested.
- Apps, Videos, and photos must be rated suitable for the device owner. Presence of weapons, pornographic materials, suggestive images, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, tobacco, and gang related symbols or pictures will result in removal of content and possible disciplinary actions.

INTERNET ACCESS

- will have access to the College's internet, which is provided for educational purposes, including research, using required apps, and downloading resources as permitted by teachers.
- For the best educational experience, it is recommended that students have access to a wireless router or access point connected to the internet at home. Alternatively, students can use wireless internet at public locations, such as libraries, to complete schoolwork.

MOBILE DATA CONNECTION

- Students are strictly prohibited from using 4G & 5G data connections (where available) while on college grounds.
- Mobile Data settings must be always turned off while onsite.

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Managing your files and saving your work



SAVING TO THE IPAD/BACKUPS

Students may save work to the applications on the iPad. It is advisable that students use functions such as OneDrive, iCloud (internet storage) or iTunes (sync to home computer) to back up the information on their iPad. Students will hand in assignments as specified by the individual teacher. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that work is backed up and is not lost due to mechanical failure or accidental deletion.

NETWORK CONNECTIVITY

- The College makes no guarantee that its network will be up and running 100% of the time.
- In the rare case that the network is down, the College will not be responsible for lost or missing data.
- Students' data usage will be monitored, and excessive usage will be reported to the Head of Secondary School.

SOFTWARE ON IPADS/IOS UPDATES

- Students will be required to have the set curriculum apps always loaded on their iPad, and these will be determined by the College throughout the year. Students will be required to have their iOS (operating system) updated regularly to keep up with security and new developments.

ADDITIONAL SOFTWARE

- Students will be asked to delete any content that contains violence, age specific (where user is underage) social networking, sexual content, inappropriate language etc.

INSPECTION

- Students may be selected at random to provide their iPad for inspection.
- iPads must be made available to teachers or IT staff when requested.
- Inappropriate content will be removed. Students who refuse to remove inappropriate content will not have use of their iPad and possibly have additional restrictions applied.
- iPads will be monitored and audited which may be assessed, published, and used without notice. Such audit trails may be used for investigation of possible breaches and/or misuse.
- IT Support reserves the right to recall iPads for configuration, registration, audit purposes, or to remotely lock and/or wipe all/selectively data from a device that is lost, stolen, or found to be in breach of any College policies and procedures.

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Damages to iPads and Consequences



COLLEGE IPADS

College iPads may consist of - iPads in the Library, Class iPads and/or Learning Support Education iPads that the College has provided for student use. iPads that belong to the College will need to be looked after as the guidelines state. **All iPads will remain the property of Al Siraat College.** The composite levy will cover the cost of using the iPad, however, damage will be charged to parents.

POSSIBLE DAMAGES

The iPad is a portable device that, when not protected properly, can be damaged:

- Screen can be cracked, outer case dented, and internals damaged if dropped
- If submerged in water or exposed to extreme heat the internals of an iPad can be damaged

CONSEQUENCES

If an iPad is broken, the teacher in charge will resolve the issue and give appropriate consequences. College insurance does not cover the deliberate or accidental damage of individual iPads. The student/s involved will be liable for any damage caused.

- If a student accidentally or deliberately drops/damages the device, they are completely responsible for the damages and replacement/repair.
- If a student accidentally or deliberately drops/damages another student's device, they are completely responsible for the damages and replacement/repair. (Parents will be informed that the College will have the broken device repaired and invoice the student/s who are at fault).

Teachers/Coordinators will also give appropriate consequences in line with the College's Behaviour Matrix regarding deliberate damage and inappropriate use of iPads in the College environment.

iPads are less likely to be damaged if they are enclosed in an appropriate case and handled with care. Malfunctions, technical issues, or damage are not acceptable excuses for failing to complete school tasks.

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Agreement



Students at Al Siraat College are required to agree to the iPad Acceptable Use Policy and Guidelines before being issued an iPad from the College. This contract confirms that you have read the guidelines and responsibilities you are expected to uphold as a digital citizen at Al Siraat College. It is your responsibility to make good choices and uphold the expectations below. If you choose not to follow these expectations, you may forfeit the right to use an iPad at the College and other disciplinary action may occur as appropriate.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Students will use computer/devices in a responsible and ethical manner.
- Students will obey general College rules concerning behaviour and communication that apply to iPad/computer use.
- Students will help the College protect its system/devices by contacting a coordinator about any security problems they may encounter.
- Students will monitor all activity on their account(s).
- Students should always turn off and secure the iPad after they are finished working to protect their work and information.
- Students will use the Internet in a safe and appropriate manner and any offensive or inappropriate websites must be reported to a class teacher immediately so that they can be blocked.
- Students will respect and look after all iPads including other student's iPads.
- Students will use good judgement when using the built-in camera.
- Lost or stolen iPad must be reported immediately.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES STRICTLY PROHIBITED

- Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials.
- Violating any copyright laws.
- Any action that violates any existing policy, rules, or laws.
- Sending, accessing, uploading, downloading, or distributing offensive, profane, threatening, pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit materials.
- Use of chat rooms, sites selling term papers, book reports and other forms of student work.
- Internet/computer games that are not deemed as educational by teachers.
- Downloading apps that are not for school curriculum.
- Gaining access to another student's accounts, files, and/or data.
- Use of anonymous and/or false communications.
- Participation in credit card fraud, electronic forgery, or other forms of illegal behaviour.
- Vandalism (any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, or data, including, but not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses or computer programs that

can infiltrate computer systems and/or damage software components) of college equipment will not be allowed.

- Transmission or accessing materials that are obscene, offensive, threatening or otherwise intended to harass or demean recipients.
- Photographing any other person without that person's consent.
- Using the camera to take inappropriate, illicit, or sexually explicit photographs or videos or to embarrass anyone in any way.
- Use of the camera in toilets or changing rooms.
- Post images or movies to a Public Forum without the express permission of a member of staff.
- Use of the camera and microphone in class unless a teacher grants permission.
- Jailbreaking (act of deliberately removing limitations on the device by the proprietary software).
- Utilising mobile data connections in any form (direct or via wireless).
- Bypassing the Al Siraat College web filter by any means.

LEGAL PROPRIETY

- You must comply with trademark and copyright laws and all license agreements. Ignorance of the law is not immunity. If you are unsure, ask a teacher or parent.
- Use or possession of hacking software is strictly prohibited, and violators will be subject to disciplinary action.
- Violation of applicable State or Federal law will result in criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action.
- The College is not liable to the student under any theory of liability for any direct, indirect, incidental, special consequential or exemplary damages that may be incurred by the student using iPads, including any loss of data or damage to the device, whether IT support have been advised of or should have been aware of the possibility of any such losses arising.