



## **1:1 Technology Program – School Managed or Parent Managed**

In order to manage a productive 1:1 Technology Program at Glengarry Primary School, a Mobile Device Management (MDM) program will need to be installed on all student owned devices. This means parents will **not** be able to install their own apps onto devices, instead the iPads will be school managed. This is because:

1. It gives the school the ability to purchase and push out apps that students are required to have for their learning. If iPads were parent managed, apps would be added to the student booklist, which would result in the booklist doubling in price.
2. All of the schools we consulted with in the research phase stated that parent managed devices can be problematic when apps are not installed, not updated or the wrong ones are installed. iPads being managed by the school means student devices will be updated when required and have the correct apps installed.
3. School managed devices allow us to use the full functionality of the iPad. There are certain teaching and learning management apps that will not work on parent managed devices.
4. To overcome concern over iPad home use, parents are reminded that students can still access various online sites (e.g. Reading Eggs) via the internet, however the app will not be installed on the iPad.
5. There are already lots of considerations in running a 1:1 Technology Program and we want Glengarry's 1:1 Technology Program to be the best it can be. The school has consulted with various schools, the School's ICT Committee (made up of staff), the ICT Steering Committee (made up of staff and parents) and the School Board (made up of staff and parents).
6. Parent feedback raised shared concerns about screen time and over-use of devices at home. To support parents and to maintain the integrity of the program, it is important that children see the iPad as a learning device, not an entertainment device.

For these reasons, parents will not be able to install their own apps on student devices. If your child needs access to a particular app (for example, one recommended by a therapist/healthcare professional) please contact to discuss this possibility.

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