

iPads for Learning

Supporting Great Learning at OJC



At OJC one of the main tools for learning that we use is the iPad. It's an incredible piece of technology and enables us to work collaboratively, embrace innovation and remain mobile while we do it. Today's iPads are as powerful as laptops, but with far more agility. With apps and easy to use interfaces, the iPad is perfect for our kids to learn on.

It can be a mobile laboratory, a music studio and a movie maker all rolled into one. No other piece

of technology enables the type of learning we do at OJC better.

Coupled with this, iPads have wonderful built in security, keeping your child's identity, personal information and location safe. However, there are things that we can do at school to help support the safety of our kids. Likewise, there are things you can do at home to ensure that our kids learn in the digital world in safety. We ask for your help with this.

What we can do at school to keep your child safe online.

At OJC, all learners iPad's are enrolled in our school system called JAMF. This software allows us to monitor and if necessary control what learners can see and do on their iPads. This gives us great oversight when your learner is at school, but they will likely also be accessing technology while at home. We need your help to make sure that your kids are safe, happy, productive and secure when they are online. Because digital learning is only ONE part of great learning, you can rest assured that your student will have time away from the iPad during the school day. Learners use old fashioned books in literacy and numeracy, and we have both physical and digital books available for learners for reading. We also turn the school's Wi-Fi off during break times. Your child's MAC is your main point of contact at school. If you have any questions or concerns about their use on the iPad, please make contact with your son or daughters MAC and let them know. Knowing your child is one of the best ways that we can help protect them and you can be sure that as a new learner to OJC, your child's MAC will be doing their very best to learn all about your child and their learning.

What you can do at home to help

Stay Present in your child's online Presence

Paying attention to what your child is doing online is really important. Knowing what apps they use and who they are talking to is vital for their own safety. As young people, they are learning their way and testing their boundaries. It's important to be the responsible for our kids when they aren't making great decisions for themselves. This means not only talking to your child about what they do online, but also looking through their iPads regularly. If you aren't familiar with iPads, do it with your child. If you're still struggling, contact with your child's MAC.

Non iPad Time

It's absolutely vital that young people learn real-world skills as well as digital ones. Having family time, going for walks, talking, completing chores and having dinner together are all really great uses of time. Having a few hours without an iPad every day is vital for a young persons development. Likewise, please do not let your student charge their iPads in their bedrooms by setting up a charging port for iPads and phones in a main area of the house. If this really causes problems, try turning off the Wi-Fi.

VPNs and Discord (chat rooms)

Chat rooms like Discord cause real problems with negative interactions and bullying. Please talk to your child about this. Likewise VPNs or (Virtual Private Networks) makes them truly vulnerable to online predatory behavior and digital crime.

At school learners are only able to access apps that we safelist and VPNs aren't able to be used while at school - even if they try. It's important to ensure the security and safety of our young people when they're using a VPN at home. Please be vigilant. Talk to your kids about the dangers of the digital world and alongside us, help them become informed digital citizens of the world.

Stay Connected with OJC

Hero



Download the Hero app from the Apple App Store or Google Play

All school notifications will be sent via Hero, permission slips for trips can be signed and you can let the school know your child will be absent on certain days through the app.

More info will be coming out in early 2023 as to how to sign in to Hero.

Facebook



@Ormiston Junior College

Follow our school's Facebook page to keep up to date with everything that is happening around the school.

Our Ormiston Junior College front desk work so hard to keep on top of school admin, offer a warm and inviting place for you to visit, and keep our learners ticking along. They need your help with absentee's, particularly as our school grows.

If your child won't be at school for the day, please phone, text or email the school:

- You can email admin@ojc.school.nz
- Call 09 9740 140 or 027 922 7368
- Text in - use 0279 ABSENT (0279 227368)
- Or use the Hero app above.