

Apple Classroom - Information for Students and Families



The Classroom App on apple devices empowers teachers to keep students focused, on task and supports student's to access set online learning quickly and effectively. Classroom's capabilities allows teachers to guide students to the correct Apps, push out worksheets and resources, direct students to websites and lock students into an App or Website to ensure students can use the precious time available to them in class to work towards their personal best.

Classroom gives "eyes" to the teacher to see what every student is doing on their device, what Apps they are using, if they are off task and need refocusing, share student screens to display work to peers, group students by task or level and temporarily lock students out from using iPads when attention needs to be focused back to teacher instruction. Classroom gives teachers a meaningful window into how students work and learn during a lesson, enabling teachers to see if any students are struggling and need extra help or provide quick information to parents on student's progress.

With Classroom, student iPad devices can only be managed in class and no data is stored after a lesson has finished. The teacher and students need to be in close proximity, signed on to the same Wi-Fi network and in an active class session. The teacher cannot manage or view student devices outside of class. To ensure transparency when Screen View is active for a student's screen in class, a notification at the top of their screen indicates that the screen is being viewed. A student may access details of the specific teacher viewing their screen in Settings on their iPad.

Apple Classroom uses bluetooth technology, so it can only activate whilst in the vicinity of the teachers device AND on the same wireless network.

To review Apples Privacy policy, please visit: <https://www.apple.com/au/privacy/>

For more particular information about privacy and security for Apple products in education please visit: <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT208525> and https://images.apple.com/education/docs/Privacy_Overview_for_Parents.pdf

Teachers gain the ability to:

- Lock the iPad to a single app so that students can stay focused on the current activity or assessment.
- Navigate the student's iPad to a particular web page or resource. This simplifies getting students onto a particular resource to begin learning more promptly.
- View any student's screen directly on their device (equivalent to observing a student's computer screen in a computer lab). This enables teachers to check in and see how students are progressing through an activity or assessment.
- Share/mirror a student's iPad to a projector screen. It's a great way to highlight student work, encourage collaboration, and gain peer feedback on a task. At Warrnambool College this would always be done with prior permission from the student.
- Mute and lock screens - If the sound on a student's iPad becomes distracting for the rest of the class, the teacher can mute individual or all devices. To get everyone's attention, they can also lock each iPad in their class, which might be helpful to refocus students back to listening to teacher instructions and explicit learning. This also allows for a safe learning environment for all students.
- At the end of the lesson, obtain a Class Summary which details time spent on each individual app - This data is only temporarily available, and not saved to the teachers devices, nor retrievable once the app is closed or the teacher has initiated the next class.

Teachers do not gain access, and Apple Classroom does not permit the following:

- Secretly monitor student devices - the student's device will display an blue indicator when the teacher is monitoring their screen
- See, transfer or retrieve files stored on a student's device
- Control a device beyond a classroom - once the student leaves the physical classroom, they will drop out of the Apple Classroom. Therefore, it is impossible for a teacher to remotely control the iPad away from the school. **For Apple Classroom to be active, the ipad must be on the same wireless network AND within bluetooth proximity to the teacher.**

Apple Classroom User Guide:

<https://www.apple.com/education/docs/getting-started-with-classroom.pdf>

DET & WC Policies:

<https://www2.education.vic.gov.au/pal/cybersafety/policy>

<https://www.wbllcoll.vic.edu.au/about/policies.html>