iPads at Oatlands

iPads offer students the opportunity for anytime, anywhere learning. This doesn’t mean students will be using the iPads all the time. At Oatlands we will be retaining a focus on traditional reading, writing and maths skills. Please feel free to check out our class and Info Lit blogs and see how we have been using our iPads during the year. You can find our blogs by visiting the Oatlands Primary School Website and clicking on the “School Blogs” tab.

Sample English Activities

- Looking up words in the dictionary.
- Using different apps for reading including Kindle, The Age and ABC News.
- Reading websites selected by teachers.
- Answering questions and writing stories using Strip Designer, or Pages.
- Creating work to publish on student blogs – this allows work to have a wider audience than just the classroom teacher.
- Creating Multimedia Presentations that include images, video and voice using iMovie or Book Creator.

Sample Maths Activities

- Practicing basic maths skills using apps like Mathletics, and Math Bingo.
- Drawing graphs from the information in Weather apps.
- Drawing and reading Maps and learning about scale using information from a Mapping app.
- Learning about time around the world using the clock app.

Using iPads in Integrated Studies

Students now turn to Youtube and Google for all their research needs. This makes it absolutely essential that they are able to effectively locate, evaluate, organise and present the information they are finding on the Internet including:

- Learning to check if websites are accurate, up to date and unbiased.
- Learning to use keywords to find relevant information.
- Learning to safely search the Internet.

iPads allow students to create reports, presentations and movies with ease. This takes the focus away from the technical issues and equipment and allows more effort to be devoted to creating quality content. This might include:

- Taking photos and creating reports about science experiments.
- Making movies about Natural Disasters using iMovie.
- Filming mock interviews with Antarctic Explorers.