Restrictions: Guide to setting restrictions on student iPads and iOS devices

Apple iOS has some of the best parental controls (Restrictions) of any mobile device operating system. Unfortunately parents and guardians are not aware of Restriction settings. Restrictions within iOS will allow you to prevent purchasing, limit access to adult content and block access to popular social media sites among many other controls.

The below guide will help you setup these restrictions inline with our current school practice.

1. Open settings

2. Select ‘General’ on the left hand menu and then select ‘Restrictions’ on the right hand menu

3. From this point you will need to select ‘Enable Restrictions’ and setup a passcode. Please do not let your child know the code and do not make it the same code for unlocking the device
4. You can now start adjusting the restrictions. Starting with the items under ‘Allow’. FaceTime and Siri are not appropriate for use at school. We also turn off AirDrop as our students do not have access to the Apple ID passwords. This will probably a setting you will also turn off.

5. We also turn off iTunes Store, iBooks Store and In-App Purchases to prevent unwanted purchases on any school device. We turn off installing Apps and Deleting Apps. This stops the students from installing free apps and prevents them from deleting apps that are required within the classroom and that contain student data.

6. Next you will need to work your way through each of the content types to set the level of restriction. Within the ‘Website’ menu the school only turns on ‘Limit Adult Content’ as the school and Education Department’s filters block a wide range of sites for various reasons. This may be an area of concern for parents and we advise you to check the filters your Internet provider has in place.

7. The next section you will need to work through is ‘Privacy’. The only setting the school adjusts in Contacts, Twitter and Facebook. Placing restrictions on Location Services, Photos and Microphone may interfere with some classroom activities and applications. Privacy settings can be adjusted to suit the parents and guardians of the individual student.

8. The last 2 areas with restrictions are ‘Allow Changes’ and ‘Game Centre’. Within this area the school locks the ‘Accounts’ and turns off ‘Multiplayer Games’ and ‘Adding Friends’.

If any of the restriction set by parents inhibit the use of the iPad within the classroom, your child’s classroom teacher, year level manager or ICT coordinator will contact you and advise you.