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Dear Parents,

We hope you are enjoying a wonderful summer. As students begin to plan for their upcoming school year, technology has become an increasingly important factor. At The Southport School (TSS) we incorporate the use of technology in the online learning space to maximize teaching and learning. Our students are provided opportunities to learn and use various technology tools through projects, games, and multi-modal activities.

All of our faculty are trained in Apple-based applications that are designed for the iPad. TSS **requires** all Upper School students to have their own iPad through our Bring Your Own Device policy (BYOD). However, if you are unable to provide your child with one, please contact me for details on our lending policy. We recommend an Apple iPad 5 or newer, any iPad Air, or iPad Pro. Additionally, it would be beneficial for students to have a set of headphones equipped with a microphone, such as the Apple headphones, as they are helpful in many capacities. Protective keyboard cases for the iPad are suggested.

If you are looking for a way to save money on a new iPad, two options are to purchase a refurbished model from Apple, comes with full warranty, or Amazon has been offering discounts and is an Apple certified reseller.

<https://tinyurl.com/AppleiPadRefurb> Or <https://tinyurl.com/IPadsAmazon>

**Free:**

*Listed below are **required** apps that students will learn and use throughout the school year.*

Google Drive, Docs, Slides, Classroom, Keep  
 Apple Pages, Keynote, Clips,  
 Lexia PowerUP  
 Freckle  
 Spark Video & Spark Page  
 Classkick  
 Stop Motion Studio  
 Grammarly Keyboard  
 Quizlet  
 Kahoot  
 Quizizz  
 EdPuzzle

**Paid:\***

Inspiration (Writing brainstorm tool)  
 Voice Dream Reader (for students who benefit from listening to books)

\*(If you prefer not to purchase these apps, the school can provide access to them for your child during the school year. Please contact me directly and we can set that up.

Please be sure to review the Acceptable Use Policy in the Parent Handbook when you receive it and feel free to email me or your child's advisor if you have any questions.

Periodically I may reach out to have other apps downloaded per a teacher's request.

Explore Apple's Families page to learn more about managing your child's device: <https://www.apple.com/families/>  
 Thank you.

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