Nathalia Primary School
iPad / iPod PROTOCOL

RATIONALE:
Information and Communication Technologies will be the cornerstone of life in the 21st Century. Our role as teachers at Nathalia Primary School is to provide all students and staff with the capabilities to operate effectively in a technological age.

GUIDELINES:
The following guidelines are to be strictly observed by all users of iPads/iPods at Nathalia Primary School. These guidelines may be updated from time to time and any changes will be notified to members of our school community.

- All iPads/iPods that are used at Nathalia Primary School are to be used during class time only and for class use under teacher supervision.

- Only Apple branded iPads/iPods (no generic or droid) are to be used at Nathalia Primary School to maintain the security of the department network.

- All year 6 students are expected to bring an iPad to be connected to the school network for school use during class time. In 2014, Year 4/5 students may have an iPad to use. Other students are able to bring an iPad in consultation with the principal, classroom teacher and parents.

- iPads may be used in place of an iPad for research purposes or activities under teacher instruction, if a child does not have an iPad. The school computers are also available for use.

- An acceptable usage agreement must be signed by all iPad/iPod users. A copy will be sent home and one kept at school.

- iPads/iPods cannot be used for recording or photographs of any member of the school or wider community without explicit permission from the classroom teacher.

- iPods may be used, in place of an iPad, for research or under teacher instruction.

- Personal iPads/iPods must be insured by the student or family and are not the responsibility of the school.

- Any iPad/iPod user that repeatedly breaches the acceptable usage agreement will have their iPad/iPod collected and kept at the office for parental collection. A phone call will be made to inform parents of this will be made by classroom teacher. The acceptable usage agreement may need to be revisited before the iPad can be used at school again.

- All iPads/iPods will be stored at school during the school week or taken home daily at parent’s own responsibility.

- iPads/iPods will not be allowed in the school yard before school, during recess or lunch and after school (including bus lines). If a wet/hot weather timetable is in operation the students may be given permission to use them inside under supervision.

- By a student having an iPad for use at school the family agrees to the conditions in this policy/protocol.

BASIS FOR DISCRETION:

- Exemptions from the expectations of this policy can only be approved by the Principal and then only in exceptional circumstances.

- School Council Approval: 13th May 2014