

FAQs for 1:1 ICT Programme

1. Why is RVHS not continuing with the 1:1 iPad model?

- Improving technology has narrowed the features between a smart mobile or laptop to that of a tablet, student can use these devices for personalised anytime anywhere learning instead of a tablet.
- It was revealed that a significant number of students owned a smart mobile phone and is using it as a learning device. To avoid duplication of owning multiple learning devices, school has decided to drop the use of iPad as a 1:1 personal learning device.
- Software developers had begun developing apps on web based and/or multi platforms rather than on iOS only. A recent review suggests that >90% of the apps used for T&L in RVHS are web based or exist in multi platforms.
- To partner with parents to manage cyber wellness at home; do not require family to invest in more than one computing device per student and also to use the device until Year 6.
- Provide students exposure to more than one platform. Do not want students to be constraint to a single platform.
- Gradual ease in on using technological devices for learning.

2. Does it mean that RVHS does not encourage use of ICT for Teaching and Learning?

- ICT is still very much part of the focus of our Pedagogy Excellence Approach.
- Teachers will continue to design lessons making use of ICT tools. Teachers, however will need to perform the additional checks to ensure that the ICT tools are available on multi-platform.
- School will continue provide students with shared mobile computing devices for lessons on demand.
- Student will rely on student-owned smart mobile devices for personal learning anytime, anywhere and self-directed learning.
- Students who are financial needy can loan out school configured iPads for personalised learning from school
- Upon reaching Year 3, students are encouraged to have a personal laptop for learning and learning related productivity work. This laptop will last the Year 3 students until he/she reach year 6. A Hybrid laptop is recommended for better integration between personalised learning anytime anywhere and productivity.
- Students who are financial needy can apply to iDA NEU Plus.

3. Does it mean that I need to get data plan for my child's mobile phone?

- Parents do not need to subscribe to any data plan as we have school wide WiFi network for students to access learning materials and online learning activities
- Students can also tap onto WirelessSG for connectivity in public area.

4. Can my child then still allowed to use tablet in school?

- Your child can still use it for learning.
- Student will still need to adhere to the rules need to adhere to the rules and regulations for use of Personal Learning Devices.

5. Can I not participate in the 1:1 ICT programme at Year 3?

- The 1:1 ICT programme is optional at year 3. It is not compulsory for students to buy the computing device. However, no student will be denied a computing device due to financial difficulty. Needy students can apply for subsidy from the school.

6. How much time will my child spend on the computing device?

- The RVIP curriculum is a mix of face-to-face discussions, presentations, conventional whiteboard teaching, pen-paper exercises that is complemented by the use of computing devices for lessons.