



NOWRA PUBLIC SCHOOL



TODAY

Improving Literacy and Numeracy is the core driver of innovation at Nowra Public School. Staff are tasked with overcoming the inequity that comes with a socio-economically disadvantaged community. Visionary leadership introduced 1:1 iPad + Apple Pencil to resource our students and staff as part of sweeping pedagogical changes to better meet our students needs.

- Digital media is produced by students to demonstrate their understanding of learning creatively. The iPad is the learning companion; delivering access to information and providing the means to document learning experiences.
- Teachers use the Apple Ecosystem to collaborate, planning rich learning experiences. Teachers creatively tell their classroom story, connecting with community by sharing on social media platforms.

 **LINK:** [Infrastructure and Management](#)

VISION

Our vision is grounded in student learning. Students' curiosity is valued, nurtured and extended. Students are challenged and they are passionate about their learning, working hard to achieve personal goals. Using powerful classroom technologies, our students will creatively respond to real world problems, in an environment that supports teamwork, critical thinking and student voice.

Teachers efficiently and effectively collaborate to plan innovative, personalised and relevant learning experiences. Technology enables the redefinition of assessment practices in our school. Bespoke iPad learning journals give teachers rich, vibrant work samples through which to measure student attainment.

At Nowra Public School, 'Learning is for me'.



LINK: [Brad Tate \(Deputy Principal\) talks about the vision for Nowra Public School.](#)



SCHOOL

- K-6 Public School.
- K-2 campus and 3-6 campus
- 575 students
- 67 staff
- 27% Indigenous enrolment
- Low-socioeconomic community



APPLE PRODUCTS + SERVICES

- 1:1 iPad and Apple Pencil for students
- 1:1 iPad Pro with Apple Pencil for teachers
- 75" Panel TV with Apple TV support in all classrooms, including meeting and conference space
- Technology that supports the learning environment; Sphero Mini, Sprk, Sphero Bolt, Osmo, Blue Bots, full media kit for student media teams

At Nowra Public School we are all learners.






Content creation and critical and creative thinking is at the heart of learning at Nowra Public School. Students respond to and capture their learning experiences using iPad technology. Digital learning journals give students the opportunity to showcase their understanding in creative ways, all the while capturing their personal learning journey. Using Apple Classwork students collaborate with their peers and teachers in real time, offering effective feedback and an enhanced authentic learning experience. Learning is mobile, students are given significant choice in their environment and task and can take their learning with them on the go.

Staff engage in regular, relevant and appropriately challenging professional learning, with student learning at the heart of decision making. A weekly "Learning with iPad" newsletter is created by our Digital Pedagogies Mentor, keeping staff updated and engaged, promoting

useful learning tools created using Apple apps to enhance teaching and learning.

Our professional learning model with iPad has evolved from App-smashing to deeper dives and into pedagogy with teachers utilising the Elements of Learning as a reflective teaching tool to enhance learning experiences in the classroom. Learning journals are designed to support staff through school-wide professional development. Teachers motivate and support one another through collaborative programming and planning, ensuring high quality learning takes place in every classroom.

 **LINKS:**

-  • [Kindergarten: Stop Motion Animation](#)
-  • [Student Snapshot](#)
-  • [Keynote Learning Journals](#)
-  • [iPad for Teachers](#)
-  • [iPad and Accessibility](#)

 **WHAT'S NEXT?**

With the core business of Literacy and Numeracy in mind we continue to build a culture of inquiry and curiosity, inspiring students to produce high quality digital media to enhance learning and creativity. Our teachers will continue to push the boundaries of what is possible in today's classroom, innovating the learning experience further to build their students capacity and their own. We will authentically deepen our connection to community, solving local and global problems through collaboration, critical thinking and teamwork, having a direct impact on people, businesses and organisations. As content creation evolves into students publishing work to reach an international audience, the narrative of our school flourishes to become a rich text of its own.




 **SUCCESS**

Teaching and Learning at Nowra Public School has fundamentally improved. iPad + Apple Pencil has enhanced student's ability to capture, document and annotate their daily learning experiences. Students creatively demonstrate their understanding of the world, accessing the support of their teacher and peers through the ease of collaboration. Teachers have broadened the scope of lesson design, allowing students to respond via:

- Green screen film making
- Podcasting using Voice Memos, Clips and iMovie
- Stop motion animation using iMotion
- Coding for problem solving and critical thinking

Student agency enhanced our environment with the introduction of Apple Pencil and 3D printers for problem solving and creativity. Celebrating student success with the 'Thursday Thinkers' initiative and our NAIDOC Creative Challenges are just small steps on our journey forwards.

 **LINKS:**

-  • [Thursday Thinkers](#)
-  • [2020 NAIDOC Book \(Apple Book Store\)](#)
-  • [Staff reflect on the 2020 NAIDOC Creative Challenges](#)