Creating an Apple ID for Your Child

Family Sharing

What is an Apple ID?

An Apple ID is the login that is used for downloading Apps form the App Store, using iCloud to store content, downloading books from the iBooks store and accessing iTunes U content and courses. An Apple ID can also be used for buying songs, movies and TV shows from the iTunes Store. An Apple ID for your child is required for them to participate in the iPad program.

How do I create an Apple ID for my child?

There are two ways to do this:

1. Create an Apple ID for your child through Apple's Family Sharing on any IOS device or Mac.
2. Create an Apple ID for your child under your name and using an e-mail you control, with the intent to pass this Apple ID onto your child when they reach 13 years of age.

How can children under 13 have an Apple ID?

In the past, Apple did not permit children under 13 to have their own Apple ID. Parents/guardians set up an Apple ID for their children attached to an e-mail address in the parents/guardians control, and used their own date of birth to create the Apple ID with the intent of giving control of the ID and e-mail address to their child once they reached 13 years of age. If this is your preferred method, please follow the instructions on the next page of this guide.

A recent development is that a parent or legal guardian may provide verified parental consent and create an Apple ID for their child through Apple's *Family Sharing*. *Ask to buy* is turned on by default, (even for free downloads/apps) and the parent/guardian can also limit the content children have access to on their devices through Restrictions.

How does Apple Family Sharing work?

If a parent/guardian has their own Apple ID, they can set up family sharing and designate themselves as the *Family Organiser*. The Organiser does this on an Apple device through *Settings > iCloud > Set up Family Sharing*. The Organiser can tap *Add Family Member* to add Apple ID's of family members to a *Family Sharing Group*. Family Sharing allows you to share Apps, iBooks, Music and other downloaded/purchased App Store and iTunes content with up to six people. It also allows you to share a family calendar, to-do lists, and family photos. The Organiser regulates the accounts in the the Family Sharing Group, sets what apps can be shared or hidden, and can designate another parent to approve *ask to buy*/download requests from children in the family. Once you have set up *Family Sharing* using your Apple ID, to create an an Apple ID for your child Tap *Settings > iCloud > Family > Create an Apple ID for a child* (at the bottom of the screen).

For further information on Family Sharing go to http://www.apple.com/au/icloud/family-sharing/
For further information on Family Sharing and Creating an Apple ID for your child go to
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What if I do not want my own Apple ID or do not participate in Apple Family Sharing?

Your child will need an Apple ID to participate in the iPad program. You can create an Apple ID for your child when you set up their new iPad, or go to the Apple ID site (https://appleid.apple.com) and select *Create Your Apple ID*.

Setting Up an Apple ID for your child without Family Sharing:

Since Apple in Australia does not permit children under 13 to have an Apple ID in their own name, except when created by the parent through Apple's Family Sharing, you will need to create an Apple ID for your child using your birth date and details.

1. Create the Apple ID using an e-mail address you control. In this way, you will retain the ability to monitor and control activity of the account (you can use an existing e-mail or create a new one for your child).
2. We strongly recommend not associating the Apple ID with a credit card. We suggest that the student's Apple ID is associated with an iTunes Store Card.
3. Create the Apple ID with the parent/guardian details. First name, Middle name and Last name fields should be completed with a parent/guardian details (this information can be changed to the student's details later when the student is 13 years of age).
4. When putting in the security questions, record the answers somewhere safe so you can gain access to the Apple ID login if the password is lost or forgotten.
5. Please ensure the date of birth field is completed with parent/guardian Date of Birth (This information can be changed to the student's date of birth when the student is 13 years of age).
6. The rescue e-mail should be another e-mail address you have access to.
7. The mailing address should be your postal address.

Please Note:

- These details can be changed at any time by gaining access to the Apple ID account details and editing them. Access to Apple ID account details can be gained from a web browser on any computer, from within iTunes running on Windows or Mac, or from within the *Settings* app on any iOS device.
- The device Restrictions need to set on your child's iPad, including disallowing in-App purchases.
- If enrolled in *Family Sharing*, when a child initiates a purchase, update or download, an alert is sent to the Organiser who can review the download and approve or decline it right there on the Organiser's device. This applies to both purchases and free downloads. If you have set up your child's Apple ID outside of *Family Sharing*, you will need to independently monitor the accounts activity and initiate needed updates or downloads.

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