



Keyboard for iPads in Senior Cycle - 4th, 5th, & 6th Year

All Senior Cycle students need to purchase a keyboard or keyboard case for use with their iPad in 4th, 5th, and 6th Year.

iPads are used extensively in Transition Year as part of classwork, assignments, and project work.

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In 5th Year and 6th Year, the Additional Assessments Components (AACs) are worth at least 40% of all revised Senior Cycle subjects (which is now the vast majority of subjects). These are all digital and will be completed on iPad, using a template document provided by the State Exams Commission. All work must be completed in classrooms only. Therefore, managed school iPads are the only permitted device in class.

There are three options to connect a keyboard to your iPad:

- An external Bluetooth keyboard
- A keyboard case
- A wired cable keyboard

These will range in price from approximately €15 for an external Bluetooth keyboard case, to more than €40-€50 for a basic keyboard case, or +€100 for a high-end keyboard case. However, the external Bluetooth keyboard option (approx. €15) is more than adequate.

Please see the list below with some possible options. This list is not exhaustive or prescriptive. Keyboards / keyboard cases are also often available in large electronic retail stores.

Students will complete Senior Cycles AAC digital coursework template using either Google Docs or Apple Pages, and export the final project as a PDF document.

Additionally, it is important that all iPads are in good working order. This means no broken screens, iPads are charged coming to school, and all iPads must have a suitable case and keyboard or keyboard case throughout Senior Cycle (4th, 5th and 6th Year)

Kind regards,

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Here are some options available on Amazon:
(Listed from lowest price, and increasing in expense)

Bluetooth Wireless Keyboards — compatible with any model of iPad

[Arctek](#)

[KBCase](#)

[Synchro](#)

[Inateck \(with trackpad\)](#)

Wired Lightning Keyboards - compatible with any iPad with lightning connection

[Zagg](#)

Keyboard Cases — compatible with iPad 10.2 inch - 7th, 8th or 9th Gen

[Tititinita](#)

[Zagg](#)

[Logitech - Slim Folio](#)

[Logitech Combo Touch](#)

Keyboard Cases — compatible with iPad 9.7 inch - 6th Gen

[Lama](#)

[Jsvacva](#)

[Ducerta](#)

*Other options are also available, and can be purchased from other online sources or physical electronic retail stores.

*Other wired keyboards can also be connected with a suitable adapter.

*If purchasing a keyboard case, please ensure it is compatible with your model of iPad.

*If you have an iPad 10th or 11th Gen, Air or Pro with USB-C, wired keyboards for these models are available.