

Short answer: **yes**—you can code the whole thing in VS Code and ship to **Android + iOS**. You've got three good paths:

## 1) Fastest/Free-est now → PWA (Installable Web App)

- Keep your React + Vite app and make it a **Progressive Web App**.
- Users “Install to Home Screen” on Android/iOS (iOS 16.4+ supports web push).
- **What you get:** offline caching, home-screen icon, background sync (limited on iOS), **web push** (works on Android; on iOS only after install).
- **Great for MVP + deliverer app** (low friction, no store review).
- **Extras:** OneSignal (free) for **Web Push**, service worker via `vite-plugin-pwa`.

## 2) Share your React code → React Native + Expo

- Build truly native apps while coding in **VS Code** and **TypeScript**.
- Reuse your API client and business logic; rebuild screens with React Native UI.
- **Dev requirements:**
  - Android: Android Studio **only for SDK/emulator** (coding still in VS Code).
  - iOS: a Mac + Xcode to build locally **or** use **Expo EAS Cloud Build** (no Mac, but Apple dev account needed to publish).
- **Notifications:** `expo-notifications` → FCM (Android) + APNs (iOS) or OneSignal.
- **Auth:** Entra ID (B2C) via `expo-auth-session` (PKCE) or `msal-react-native`.
- **Media/Geo:** `expo-image-picker`, `expo-camera`, `expo-location`, `react-native-maps`.

### 3) Wrap your existing web app → Capacitor (Ionic)

- Keep your current React app; add **native wrappers** for Android/iOS.
  - Access device APIs via Capacitor plugins (Camera, Geolocation, Push).
  - **Dev requirements:** same as above (Android Studio/Xcode for building).
  - **Good when** you want one codebase with minimal re-write.
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### What I recommend (for *free-friendly* + **quickest path**)

#### Phase 1 (this week): PWA

- Convert your buyer app + deliverer app to **PWA**.
- Add: web manifest, service worker (Vite plugin), **OneSignal Web Push**.
- Deploy on **Azure Static Web Apps (Free)**.
- ☒ No app-store fees; works on Android/iOS; great for pilots.

#### Phase 2 (when you want store presence): Expo

- Spin up a **React Native (Expo)** app for **buyer** and a second lightweight one for **deliverer**.
- Keep a **shared TypeScript package** for domain models + API client used by both web + mobile.

Monorepo sketch:

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  apps/  
    web/           # React + Vite + PWA (Azure SWA Free)  
    mobile/        # Expo React Native (buyer)  
    deliverer/     # Expo React Native (deliverer) OR keep as PWA  
  packages/  
    core/          # shared types, validation, api client (axios/fetch)
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### Store logistics (so you're not surprised)

- **Android:** you can generate `apk/aab` for free; Play Console one-time \$25.
  - **iOS:** needs Apple Developer Program (\$99/yr) to publish.
  - You can **build and test** on devices for free; publishing is where costs appear.
  - On **Windows**, you can't run the iOS Simulator; use a real iPhone (Expo Go) or **EAS Cloud Build**.
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## Feature mapping to mobile

- **Login (B2C):**
    - PWA: `MSAL.js` (SPA)
    - Expo: `expo-auth-session` (Authorization Code + PKCE) with Entra B2C
  - **Photos:**
    - PWA: `<input type="file">` + Blob Storage SAS upload
    - Expo/Capacitor: Camera plugin, compress then upload to Blob
  - **Geolocation / distance search:**
    - PWA: `navigator.geolocation` (permission dependent)
    - Expo/Capacitor: Location plugin (more reliable)
  - **Push notifications:**
    - PWA: Web Push via OneSignal (Android; iOS works when installed as PWA)
    - Expo/Capacitor: FCM (Android) + APNs (iOS) via OneSignal or native libs
  - **Deliverer status updates (comment required):** both PWA and RN handle this fine.
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## Concrete next steps (copy/paste plan)

1. **Make web app a PWA**

- Add `vite-plugin-pwa`, web manifest (icons, name), and a basic service worker.
- Integrate **OneSignal Web Push** (free) for delivery notifications.

## 2. Ship to Azure Static Web Apps (Free)

- Connect GitHub → auto deploy on push.

## 3. Prototype native

- `npx create-expo-app apps/mobile`
- Add 2–3 key screens (Login, Listings, Basket) using your shared API client.
- Test on Android device with Expo Go; on iPhone with Expo Go (no Mac needed).

## 4. Decide on publishing

- Android: create Play Console when ready.
- iOS: enroll Apple Developer when you want store listing (or stay PWA).

If you want, I'll generate:

- a ready PWA setup (manifest + service worker + OneSignal hooks), and/or
- an Expo starter wired to your current API + Entra B2C (auth flow + push).