

Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet and Digital Technologies Policy



Rationale:

Parktone Primary School believes the teaching of cyber safety and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school.

Students today spend increasing amounts of time online, learning, collaborating and playing. To be safe online and to gain the greatest benefit from the opportunities provided through an online environment, students need to do the right thing by themselves and others online, particularly when no one is supervising.

Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at our school and parents/carers are requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.

Some online activities are illegal and as such will be reported to police.

• Part A - School support for the safe and responsible use of digital technologies

- Parktone Primary School uses the internet and digital technologies as teaching and learning tools. We see the internet and digital technologies as valuable resources, but acknowledge they must be used responsibly.
- Your child has been asked to agree to use the internet and mobile technologies responsibly at school. Parents/carers should be aware that the nature of the internet is such that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.

At Parktone Primary School we:

- have policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use digital technology and the internet
- provide a filtered internet service
- provide access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's search engine Connect, which can be used to direct students to websites that have been teacher recommended and reviewed
- provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning
- support students in developing digital literacy skills
- have a cyber safety program at the school which is reinforced across the school
- use mobile technologies for educational purposes (e.g. podcasts or photos from excursions)
- provide support to parents/carers to understand this agreement (e.g. language support)
- provide support to parents/carers through information evenings and through the document attached to this agreement for parents to keep at home

- **Part B - Student Agreement**

- **When I use digital technology I agree to:**

- be a safe, responsible and ethical user whenever and wherever I use it
- support others by being respectful in how I communicate with them and never write or participate in online bullying (this includes forwarding messages and supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour)
- talk to a teacher or parents if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe online or see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour
- seek to understand the terms and conditions of websites and online communities and be aware that content I upload or post is my digital footprint
- protect my privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images
- use the internet for educational purposes and use the equipment properly
- use social networking sites for educational purposes and only as directed by teachers
- abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references where necessary)
- think critically about other users' intellectual property and how I use content posted on the internet
- not interfere with network security, the data of another user or attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another student
- not reveal my password to anyone except the system administrator or the teacher
- not bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school computers

- **When I use my mobile phone, iPod, iPad or other mobile device I agree to:**

- keep the device switched off during class times and only make or answer calls and messages for approved learning purposes
- protect the privacy of others and never post or forward private information about another person using Short Message Service (SMS) or social media
- only take photos and record sound or video when it is part of an approved lesson
- seek permission from individuals involved before taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (including teachers)
- seek appropriate permission from individuals involved before publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space
- be respectful in the photos I take or video I capture and never use these as a tool for bullying

This Acceptable Use Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities. I acknowledge and agree to follow these rules. I understand that my access to the internet and mobile technology at school will be renegotiated if I do not act responsibly.

I have read the Acceptable Use Agreement carefully and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to abide by these conditions. I understand that any breach of these conditions will result in internet and mobile technology access privileges being suspended or revoked.

Student Name_____ **Grade**_____ **Date**_____

Student Signature_____ **Parent/Carer Signature**_____

If you have any concerns about this agreement or ideas for making the agreement better contact George Danson on 9580 1207.

For further Support with online issues students can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Parents/carers call Parent line 132289 or visit <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx>