



RESPONSIBLE USE OF ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING GOOGLEAPPS FOR EDUCATION

PARENTAL/CARER AGREEMENT

CONTEXT

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

POLICY STATEMENT

Staff and students at St Joseph's Primary School use electronic communications and digital technologies (including the internet) for learning and teaching, and acknowledge they must be used responsibly. Online behaviour should at all times demonstrate a Christ-centred respect for the dignity of each person. Therefore, our school believes the development of digital citizens who demonstrate ethical and responsible online behaviour is essential, and is best taught in partnership between home and school.

Using electronic communications and digital technologies to harass, bully or humiliate any individual or group of individuals is prohibited.

The Catholic Education Diocese of Wagga Wagga (CEDWW) /school reserves the right to capture, store and review all internet browsing, including emails and associated communications, across the CEDWW / school's network. Users are advised that illegal online activities will be reported to the police.

Parent Information School support for the safe and responsible use of electronic communications and digital technologies

Your child has been asked to agree to use the electronic communications and digital technologies responsibly at school. Parents/carers should be aware that whilst the school provides a filtered internet service, the nature of the internet is such that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed - this is particularly the case where students choose to use their own internet service.

At St Joseph's Primary School we:

- have policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use electronic communications and digital technologies
- provide a filtered internet service
- provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning
- support students in developing digital literacy skills
- have a digital citizenship program at the school which is reinforced across the school and with parents
- use mobile technologies for educational purposes e.g. podcasts or photos from excursions
- work with students to outline and reinforce the expected behaviours when using the electronic communications and digital technologies

USE OF GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION TO PROVIDE EMAIL AND ONLINE SERVICES FOR LEARNING AND TEACHING

The school provides email, document creation and online storage for learning through the Google Apps for Education service. Consequently, emails, email account details and data may be transferred, stored and processed outside of Australia.

In using the school's email and ICT systems users consent to this transfer, processing and storage of that information. In order to provide this service, the following data is required to be stored on Google's servers and includes student login information (First Name, Last Name, User name), and their network login password. The school has received advice that there is an agreement with Google to ensure privacy policies and security measures regarding the protection of personal information are in place.

CEDWW/school personnel responsible for the email system may have the ability to access, monitor, use or disclose emails and associated administrative data for the purposes of administering the system and ensuring its proper use.

As Parent/s/Carer/s I/we give permission for my /our child to use electronic communications and digital technologies for learning purposes. This permission is required so that students are able to make optimum use of the technology and actively participate in all lessons. I / we believe that my/ our child understands their responsibility to use technology responsibly.

Parent/Carer name	
Parent/Carer signature	
Date	

If you have any concerns about this agreement or ideas for improving this agreement please contact St Joseph's Primary School. For further support with online issues students can call

Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Parents/carers can call Parentline 132289 or visit <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx>

Student Agreement

As a Catholic school student, I recognise that the school provides access to communications and digital technologies to support me to learn, research, publish, collaborate with others and grow as a faith-filled digital citizen. To be safe online and to gain the greatest benefit from the opportunities provided through an online environment, I need to; engage positively, know how to protect myself and choose to do the right thing by myself and others online, particularly when no one is watching.

When I use electronic communication and digital technologies I agree to:

- Engage
 - Respect the rights of others to participate and have an opinion
 - Ask before tagging other people or posting photos or video
 - Report suspicious or illegal content
 - Stand up and speak out about cyberbullying.
 - Think before I post and not post or respond to hurtful or nasty comments. Block and report
 - Speak to my parents, a teacher or another trusted adult about upsetting online experiences and before agreeing to meet anyone I may have met online.
- Know
 - Learn how new skills will help me explore and learn in the online world
 - Recognise online risks and how to manage them
 - Look out for suspicious emails and scams
 - Use secure websites for financial and retail services
 - Keep my passwords secret, strong and unique
- Choose
 - Set my privacy and security settings and check them regularly
 - Choose my friends wisely. I understand not everybody online is who they claim to be.
 - Think before I post - what I do online can affect my whole world (images, statuses, comments etc) forever.
 - Consider others and my actions - ask for permission if it's not my content/image
 - Always act legally and ethically.
 - Be careful opening a message if I don't know the sender
 - Treat devices and network resources with care and report any damage immediately.
 - Decide if I really want my location displayed by my devices or apps
 - Follow guidelines and policies provided by the school for responsible use of technology.

This Responsible Use of Electronic Communications and Digital Technologies Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps, at boarding school, at home, and extra-curricular activities.

I have read the Responsible Use of Electronic Communications and Digital Technologies Agreement carefully and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to abide by these conditions. I understand that if I break these conditions and don't follow

policies and guidelines, I will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action by the school. This may include the loss of network access and/or internet access for some time, as determined by the School. I may also be the subject of a notification to the appropriate authorities if I am involved in publishing or sending unlawful material.

Student name		Year Level	
Student signature		Date	
Parent Signature		Date	
Teacher Signature		Date	

Attachment 1: Guidelines for students when using electronic communications and digital technologies.

ENGAGE , KNOW, CHOOSE

When students use electronic communications and digital technologies they agree to:

- always be a safe, responsible and ethical user whenever and wherever they use technology
- support others by being respectful in how they 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, their parents, or trusted adult, if they 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 the upload or post is their digital footprint and can affect their reputation.
- protect their privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images
- use electronic communications for educational purposes and use the equipment properly
- use social networking sites ethically and responsibly
- 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 the 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 user.
- only reveal their password to the system administrator, the teacher or parent [when required]
- not bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school computers
- not attempt to hack, interfere, or avoid internet filtering by using proxy servers, "hot-spotted / tethered" mobile devices or programs designed to remove / avoid filtering.

When students use a computer, mobile phone, iPod or other mobile device (if approved by the school) they agree to:

- keep the device on silent during class times and only make or answer calls and messages outside of lesson times – except 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 Multimedia Messaging Service [MMS]
- 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
- ensure the device is not used to access or contain any inappropriate content eg. pornography, copyright infringing material, or software designed to share illegal content
- keep the device secure to prevent inappropriate access, loss, theft or damage
- refrain from using the device as a “wireless hotspot” or “tethered” to avoid or allow others to avoid internet filtering
- on request, make the device available to ensure that there is no inappropriate content that could pose a risk of harm to a student, others or the security of the network
- understand that the device is used at the school and on the school’s network at their own risk and the school cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur to the device.

RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS AND DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES (K-2)

Student Agreement

Using computers and the internet for learning is a big responsibility. I am going to agree to be a good computer and internet user.

I want to be a good computer user therefore

- I will have clean hands when I use the computer
- I will use the computer carefully and look after it
- I will ask for help when I don't know what to do
- I will share the computer with classmates
- I know that teachers and my parents might look at what I do on the computer
- I will not tell anyone my password except my parents or a teacher

When I use the internet

- I will tell my parents and teachers about the things I do on the internet
- I will stay on the web pages my teacher shows me
- I won't tell people on the internet who I am or where I live
- I will tell my teacher and my parents if I see something on the internet that makes me feel uncomfortable

I know that I can only use the computer and the internet if I am responsible.

Student name		Year Level	
Student signature		Date	
Parent Signature		Date	
Teacher Signature		Date	