

# YARRA ROAD PS

## ICT Acceptable Use Policy

### POLICY

#### **Rationale:**

To ensure schools are aware of and use available technology-based teaching and learning resources in a safe and responsible way, to improve student learning.

Yarra Road Primary School believes the teaching of Cybersafety and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school. 21st Century students spend increasing amounts of time online, learning and collaborating. 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 watching. 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.

#### **Policy:**

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

Yarra Road 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 Yarra Road 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 Training development's search engine Connect ([www.education.vic.gov.au/primary](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/primary)) 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 cybersafety program at the school which is reinforced across the school
- use mobile technologies for educational purposes (e.g. photos from excursions)
- provide support to parents/carers to understand this agreement (e.g. language support)
- work with students to outline and reinforce the expected behaviours when using the Internet and other digital resources.

##### **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 if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe online or see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour Page 2 of 5
  - 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.

This Acceptable Use Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps and extracurricula activities.

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 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year Level \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent/Carer Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

If you have any concerns about this agreement contact: Kate Perkins (Principal) on 9723 4182.

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>

**This Policy was last ratified by School Council in 2017**