DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

Rationale

Digital Technologies provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion and liaise with individuals, organisations and groups around the world. Eltham Primary School provides access to a range of up to date technologies to enhance teaching and learning opportunities and to enrich the learning environment.

Aims

- To improve student learning outcomes by increasing access to world-wide information

- To develop critical skills while using digital technologies

- To ensure that use of digital technologies within the school context meets legal requirements and standards of general practice

- To develop the knowledge, skills and behaviours required to enable students to understand the implications of the use of digital technologies and their social and ethical responsibilities as users of digital technologies

- To clearly communicate guidelines for the appropriate use of devices to students, staff and parents.

Foundation to Grade 2 Digital Technologies

Children will be able to access internet sites that have been previously viewed by the classroom teacher or quality assured and available through the DET's website or other sources approved by the school.

Children will always be adequately supervised when using digital technologies. The students will be advised by the teacher to always close websites and inform the teacher if they encounter any material that makes them uncomfortable at any time.

Children will be made aware by their teachers that they should never disclose any personal information online, including their phone number, their last name, home address, photograph of themselves or any information regarding their personal whereabouts at any time.

Children will be taught explicitly about cyber-bullying, their online behaviour and safety by their teachers.

Parents will sign an Agreement of Digital Technologies Acceptable Use agreeing to the above policies.

Grade 3 to Grade 6 Digital Technologies

When using digital technologies, students will be mindful of internet security and personal online safety by not disclosing personal information including any personal passwords, full names, telephone numbers, images and information about their intended movements or whereabouts.

Students will be respectful on how they communicate and work with others online. Online bullying will be dealt with, not tolerated.

Students will use digital technologies at school for learning, use the equipment properly and carefully and not interfere with the work or data of another student unless working on an agreed collaborative project.

Only authorised programs will be used at school.

Students will remember that the content on the web is either in the public domain or someone's property and to consult with teachers to get permission to copy information or pictures.

Students will be taught appropriate rules around copyright laws.

Students and parents will sign a Digital Technologies Acceptable Use Policy.