



DIGITAL LEARNING (INTERNET, SOCIAL MEDIA AND DIGITAL DEVICES)

PURPOSE

To ensure that all students and members of our school community understand:

- (a) our commitment to providing students with the opportunity to benefit from digital technologies to support and enhance learning and development at school (including our 1-to-1 personal device program or insert other appropriate programs as relevant to your school)
- (b) expected student behaviour when using digital technologies including the internet, social media, and digital devices (including computers, laptops, tablets)
- (c) the school's commitment to promoting safe, responsible and discerning use of digital technologies, and educating students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing that they may encounter when using the internet and digital technologies
- (d) our school's policies and procedures for responding to inappropriate student behaviour on digital technologies and the internet

SCOPE

This policy applies to all students at Ultima Primary School.

Staff use of technology is governed by the Department's *Acceptable Use Policy* <S:\Staff\POLICIES all LCPS\2019 Local\Internet Usage.doc>

DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this policy, "digital technologies" are defined as being any networks, systems, software or hardware including electronic devices and applications which allow a user to access, receive, view, record, store, communicate, copy or send any information such as text, images, audio, or video.

POLICY

Vision for digital technology at our school

Ultima Primary School understands that digital technologies including the internet, apps, computers and tablets provide students with rich opportunities to support learning and development in a range of ways.

Through increased access to digital technologies, students can benefit from enhanced learning that is interactive, collaborative, personalised and engaging. Digital technologies enable our students to interact with and create high quality content, resources and tools. It also enables personalised learning tailored to students' particular needs and interests and transforms assessment, reporting and feedback, driving new forms of collaboration and communication.

Ultima Primary School believes that the use of digital technologies at school allows the development of valuable skills and knowledge and prepares students to thrive in our globalised and inter-connected world. Our school's vision is to empower students to use digital technologies to reach their personal best and fully equip them to contribute positively to society as happy, healthy young adults.

iPads at Ultima Primary School

iPads are provided by the school for student use during class. Classes at Ultima Primary School often include the use of iPads. Students must make sure that School iPads are placed on charge each day to ensure they are ready for use during class time for different learning activities.

Safe and appropriate use of digital technologies

Digital technology, if not used appropriately, may present risks to users' safety or wellbeing. At Ultima Primary School, we are committed to educating all students to be safe, responsible and discerning in the use of digital technologies, equipping them with skills and knowledge to navigate the digital age.

At Ultima Primary School, we:

- use online sites and digital tools that support students' learning, and focus our use of digital technologies on being learning-centred
- restrict the use of digital technologies in the classroom to specific uses with targeted educational or developmental aims
- supervise and support students using digital technologies in the classroom
- effectively and responsively address any issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students
- educate our students about digital issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright, and the importance of maintaining their own privacy online
- actively educate and remind students of our *Student Engagement* policy that outlines our School's values and expected student behaviour, including online behaviours
- have an Acceptable Use Agreement outlining the expectations of students when using digital technology at school
- use clear protocols and procedures to protect students working in online spaces, which includes reviewing the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities, removing offensive content at earliest opportunity
- educate our students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing that they may encounter when using the internet and other digital technologies
- provide a filtered internet service to block access to inappropriate content
- support parents and carers to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies and the strategies that can be implemented at home through regular updates in our newsletter and annual information sheets.

Distribution of school owned devices to students and personal student use of digital technologies at school will only be permitted where students and their parents/carers have completed a signed Acceptable Use Agreement.

It is the responsibility of all students to protect their own password and not divulge it to another person. If a student or staff member knows or suspects an account has been used by another person, the account holder must notify the classroom teacher, or the administration staff as appropriate, immediately.

All messages created, sent or retrieved on the school's network are the property of the school. The school reserves the right to access and monitor all messages and files on the computer system, as

necessary and appropriate. Communications including text and images may be required to be disclosed to law enforcement and other third parties without the consent of the sender.

Student behavioural expectations

When using digital technologies, students are expected to behave in a way that is consistent with Ultima Primary School's *Statement of Values, Student Wellbeing and Engagement* policy, and *Bullying Prevention* policy.

When a student acts in breach of the behaviour standards of our school community (including cyberbullying, using digital technologies to harass, threaten or intimidate, or viewing/posting/sharing of inappropriate or unlawful content), Ultima Primary School will institute a staged response, consistent with our policies and the Department's *Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidelines*.

Breaches of this policy by students can result in a number of consequences which will depend on the severity of the breach and the context of the situation. This includes:

- removal of network access privileges
- removal of email privileges
- removal of internet access privileges
- removal of printing privileges
- other consequences as outlined in the school's *Student Wellbeing and Engagement* and *Bullying Prevention* policies.

REVIEW CYCLE – 2 YEARS

This policy was last updated on 19 September 2019 and is scheduled for review in September 2021

ANNEXURE A: ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Acceptable Use Agreement

INTERNET / EMAIL CODE OF PRACTICE

Student Agreement

I agree to use the Internet, email and similar cyber tools at our school in a responsible manner for purposes stated by my teacher.

If I find myself in unsuitable cyber locations I will immediately click on the home or back button and inform my teacher.

When working on the internet I will:

- Only work on the web for purposes specified by my teacher
- Not give out information such as my surname, address, telephone number, parents' work address/telephone number or passwords.
- Never send a person my picture without first checking with my teacher.
- Not use material from other web sites unless I have permission for the person who created the material. If I am unsure I will check with my teacher.
- Not use the internet to frighten, threaten, annoy or bully other people. This can be illegal.
- Follow school guidelines and procedures when preparing materials for publication on the web.

I understand that breaches of the rules will see me lose my internet access rights for a period of time determined by my teacher and Principal

STUDENT NAME:
STUDENT SIGNATURE:
DATE:

Parent/Guardian Agreement:

I understand the school will provide adequate supervision and that steps have been taken to minimise risk of exposure to unsuitable material.

I do/do not consent to my child using the Internet at school for educational purposes in accordance with the Student Agreement above.

I do/do not consent to my child having their first name (last initial) published on the school's Internet site.

I do/do not consent to my child having their picture published on the school's Internet site.

I do/do not consent to my child corresponding with others, using email or similar cyber tools.

PARENT NAME:
PARENT SIGNATURE:
DATE: