



Hincks Avenue Primary School

ICT and Cyber Safety Acceptable Use Policy

Ratified by Governing Council on: 25.9.2018



Rationale

Students at Hincks Avenue Primary School are encouraged to use ICT (Information Communication Technology) for supporting and developing their education and learning the essential skills of becoming a digital citizen. Access to the school's computers, internet and services depends on students acting in accordance with the conditions set out in this Acceptable Use Policy.

The overall goal of Hincks Avenue Primary School is to create and maintain a cyber-safety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations.

Aims

Hincks Avenue Primary School will provide an exemplary learning and teaching program that facilitates:

- Achievement of academic, social, emotional and physical potential.
- A learning environment where students are highly engaged and motivated.
- Inclusive, innovative and challenging curriculum.
- Curriculum design which caters for individual learning needs.

Implementation

At school we will:

- Support the rights of all members of the school community to engage in and promote a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment.
- Educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies.
- Raise our students' awareness of issues such as online privacy and intellectual property including copyright.
- Supervise Students when using digital technologies for educational purposes.
- Provide a filtered internet service but acknowledge that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.
- Respond to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students.
- Know that some online activities are illegal and as such we are required to report this to the police.
- Support parents/guardians to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of digital technologies, the potential issues that surround their use and strategies, such as Family Usage Agreements, that they can implement at home to support their child.
- Provide parents/guardians with a copy of this agreement.
- Students are expected to care for the computers.
- Students are required to report operational or damage issues to their teacher as soon as possible.

Students and parents are expected to sign the Acceptable Use Expectations at the beginning of their schooling with Hincks Avenue Primary School. A refresher and a reminder of this Policy will be given at the beginning of each year.

High expectations, early intervention and consistency are key elements of a successful Policy.