



Digital Learning Policy (Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices)



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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 Shelford Primary School including our 1-to-1 personal device learning program.
- (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
- (e) the various Department policies on digital learning, including social media, that our School follows and implements

Scope

This policy applies to all students at Shelford Primary School.

Staff use of technology is also governed by the following Department policies:

- [*Acceptable Use Policy for ICT Resources*](#)
- [*Cybersafety and Responsible Use of Digital Technologies*](#)
- [*Digital Learning in Schools*](#) and
- [*Social Media Use to Support Student Learning*](#).

Staff, volunteers and School Councillors also need to adhere to codes of conduct relevant to their respective roles. These codes include:

- Shelford Primary School Child safety Code of Conduct
- [*The Victorian Teaching Profession Code of Conduct*](#) (teaching staff)
- [*Code of Conduct for Victorian Sector Employees*](#) (staff)
- [*Code of Conduct for Directors of Victorian Public Entities*](#) (school councillors)

Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, 'digital technologies' are defined as digital devices, tools, applications and systems that students and teachers use for learning and teaching; this includes Department-provided software and locally sourced devices, tools and systems.

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Vision for digital learning at our school

Shelford Primary School understands that safe and appropriate use of 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.

Shelford 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 vision is to empower students to use digital technologies safely and appropriately to reach their personal best and fully equip them to contribute positively to society as well adjusted, engaged and globally aware citizens. .

Devices at Shelford Primary School

Our School operates a 1:1 device program, which means students are provided with their own school purchased iPad and/or Laptop.

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

At Shelford 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
- have programs in place to educate our students to be promoting safe, responsible and discerning use of digital technologies, including use of the e-Safety toolkit
- 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 Well-being and 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
- refer suspected illegal online acts to the relevant law enforcement authority for investigation
- 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 annual information sheets and information sessions

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 their classroom teacher immediately. The matter will then be passed to the school's IT Support team.

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.

When using digital technologies, students are expected to behave in a way that is consistent with Shelford Primary School *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), Shelford Primary School will institute a staged response, consistent with our student engagement and behaviour policies.

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.

Social media use

Shelford Primary School follows the Department's policy on [Social Media Use to Support Learning](#) to ensure social media is used safely and appropriately in student learning and to ensure appropriate parent notification occurs or, where required, consent is sought. Where the student activity is visible to the public, if parents/ carers have decided that they do not want images of their child to be used on the School social media pages they will need to complete the '*Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy- Annual Consent Form and Collection Notice*'. This is available via the School Office or on the School website.

In accordance with the Department's policy on social media, staff will not 'friend' or 'follow' a student on a personal social media account, or accept a 'friend' request from a student using a personal social media account unless it is objectively appropriate, for example where the student is also a family member of the staff.

If a staff member becomes aware that a student at the school is 'following' them on a personal social media account, Department policy requires the staff member to ask the student to 'unfollow' them, and to notify the school and/or parent or carer if the student does not do so.

Further information and resources

- DET Policies/ Resources
 - [Consent, Acceptable Use agreements and online services \(students\)](#)
 - [Acceptable Use - Information and Communications Technology Resources](#)
 - [Acceptable use policy for ICT resources](#)
- Cyber safety:
 - [Using Technology to Support Teaching](#)
 - [Using Social Media](#)
- School Policy and Advisory Guide:
 - [Personal Devices - Parent Payments and Access](#)
 - [Using Social Media](#)
 - [Using Digital Technologies to Support Learning and Teaching](#)
 - [Bullying](#)
 - [Acceptable Use Agreements for students](#)
- Bully Stoppers:
 - [Cyberbullying Advice Sheets](#)
 - [Cybersafety Advice Sheets](#)
 - [Cyber Teach Toolkit - Safe and Responsible Use of Digital Technologies](#)
 - [Using Social Media: Guide for DET Employees](#)
- Other useful resources are listed on FUSE:
 - [Optimising technology use in schools - a resource cheat sheet](#)

Appendix A: Acceptable Use Agreement

Please refer the Shelford Primary School Acceptable Use Agreement

Review period

Policy last reviewed	24 th August 2022
Consultation	School Council
Approved by	Principal and School Council
Next scheduled review date	24 th August 2024

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School profile statement

At Shelford Primary School we support the right of all members of the school community to access safe and inclusive learning environments, including digital and online spaces. This form outlines the school's roles and responsibilities in supporting safe digital learning, as well as the expected behaviours we have of our students when using digital or online spaces.

At our School we:

- Have a **Student Engagement Policy** that outlines our School's values and expected standards of student conduct, including consequences for breaching the standards. This Policy extends to online conduct;
- Have programs in place to educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies (e-Safety Toolkit)
- Provide information about digital access issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright;
- Have programs in place to educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies (e-Safety Toolkit)
- Supervise and support students using digital technologies for school-directed learning;
- Use clear protocols and procedures to protect students working in online spaces. This includes reviewing the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities, removing offensive content at earliest opportunity, and other measures;

- o [Duty of Care and Supervision](#)

(www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/prindutycare.aspx)

- Provide a filtered internet service to block inappropriate content. We acknowledge, however, that full protection from inappropriate content cannot be guaranteed
- Use online sites and digital tools that support students' learning;
- Address issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students;
- Refer suspected illegal online acts to the relevant Law Enforcement authority for investigation;
- Support parents and caregivers to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies and the strategies that can be implemented at home.

Resources

The following resources provide current information from both the Department of Education & Training and The Children's eSafety Commission:

- o [Bullystoppers Parent Interactive Learning Modules](#)

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o [iParent | Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner](http://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent)
(<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>)

Student declaration

When I use digital technologies and the internet, I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times by:

- Respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner
- Never participating in online bullying (e.g. forwarding messages and supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours)
- Protecting my privacy by not giving out personal details, including my full name, telephone number, address, passwords and images
- Protecting the privacy of others by never posting or forwarding their personal details or images without their consent
- Only taking and sharing photographs or sound or video recordings when others are aware the recording is taking place and have provided their explicit consent as part of an approved lesson
- Talking to a teacher or a trusted adult if I personally feel uncomfortable or unsafe online, or if I see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behavior
- Thinking carefully about the content I upload or post online, knowing that this is a personal reflection of who I am and can influence what people think of me
- Protecting the privacy and security of my school community by not sharing or posting the link to a video conferencing meeting with others, offline in public communications or online on public websites or social media forums;
- Reviewing the terms and conditions of use for any digital or online tool (e.g. age restrictions, parental consent requirements), and if my understanding is unclear seeking further explanation from a trusted adult
- Meeting the stated terms and conditions for any digital or online tool, and completing the required registration processes
- Handling ICT devices with care and notifying a teacher of any damage or attention required · Abiding by copyright and intellectual property regulations by requesting permission to use images, text, audio and video, and attributing references appropriately

- Not accessing media that falls outside the School's policies
- Not downloading unauthorised programs, including games
- Not interfering with network systems and security or the data of another user
- Not attempting to log into the network or online service with a username or password of another person.

Signed Agreement

I understand and agree to comply with the terms of acceptable use and expected standards of behaviour set out within this agreement.

This AUA applies when digital devices and technologies are being used at school, for school directed learning, during school excursions, at camps and extra-curricular activities, and at home.

I understand that there are actions and consequences established within the school's Student Engagement Policy if I do not behave appropriately.

Student name: _____

Student signature: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____