



ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT – DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES

At Willow Grove 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 and Wellbeing Policy** that outlines our School's values and expected student behaviour. This Policy includes online behaviours;
- Have programs in place to educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies such as Respectful Relationships, explicit teaching of our school values and eSafety.gov.au;
- Educate our students about digital issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright;
- 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;
- Provide a filtered internet service, at school, 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. The following resources provide current information from both the Department of Education & Training and The Children's eSafety Commission:
 - [Bullystoppers Parent Interactive Learning Modules](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx)
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 - [eSafetyParent | Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner](https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent)
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Student declaration

Teachers work through the behaviours with students at the beginning of each school year. We ask parents to also discuss the behaviours with their child before signing the agreement and returning it to school.

When I use digital technologies, I **communicate respectfully** by:

- always thinking and checking that what I write, or post is polite and respectful.
- being kind to my friends and classmates and thinking about how the things I do or say online might make them feel.
- not sending mean or bullying messages or forwarding them to other people.
- creating and presenting my own work, and if I copy something from online, letting my audience know by sharing the website link to acknowledge the creator.

When I use digital technologies, I **protect personal information** by being aware that my full name, photo, birthday, address and phone number is personal information and is not to be shared online. This means I:

- protect my friends' information in the same way
- protect my passwords and don't share them with anyone except my parent
- only ever join spaces with my parents or teacher's guidance and permission
- never answer questions online that ask for my personal information
- know not to post three or more pieces of identifiable information about myself.

When I use digital technologies, I **respect myself and others** by thinking about what I share online. This means I:

- stop to think about what I post or share online
- will not share or post the link (or password) to video conferencing meetings, with others offline in public communications or online on public websites or social media forums
- use spaces or sites that are appropriate, and if I am not sure I ask a trusted adult for help
- protect my friends' full names, photo's, birthdays, school names, addresses and phone numbers because this is their personal information
- seek permission from individuals involved before taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (including teachers)
- seek appropriate (written) permission from individuals involved before publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space
- speak to a trusted adult if I see something that makes me feel upset or if I need help
- speak to a trusted adult if someone is unkind to me or if I know someone else is upset or scared
- don't deliberately search for something rude or violent
- turn off or close the screen if I see something I don't like and tell a trusted adult

When I use digital technologies I **respect the equipment** by always using it in a respectful manner and only using equipment that is assigned to me. This means I:

- am careful with the equipment I use and carry any devices with two hands and make sure the screen is closed
- only use devices at a table unless I have the permission from a staff member
- don't eat or drink when using any device
- ensure that my screen is easily visible by a staff member when I am using my device
- will only walk with my device
- don't 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
- don't bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school devices
- will only play games that I have permission to play and that these games will only be single player

At school we/I have:

- discussed ways to be a safe, responsible and ethical user of digital technologies.
- presented my ideas around the ways that I can be a smart, safe, responsible and ethical user of digital technologies.

I will use this knowledge at school and everywhere I use digital technologies

Signature:

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: _____

Please contact the Principal on 03 5635 2271 if you have any queries regarding this AUA.