

LYNDALE GREENS PS 2019

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES (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 school [including our 1-to-1 personal device and STEM programs.
- (b) expected student behaviour when using digital technologies including the internet, social media, and digital devices (including computers, laptops, tablets, robotics, the intranet & Cloud based services such as DET provisioned Microsoft Teams/Office 365).
- (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 Lyndale Greens Primary School.

Staff use of technology is governed by the Department’s *Acceptable Use Policy*, eSmart, Acceptable Internet use policy and Student and Parent 1 to 1 Learning Program Agreement in grades 5 and 6.

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

Lyndale Greens 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. eLearning provides support and enhances student learning in an ever-changing, global community. It is flexible, personalised and develops 21st competencies by being embedded into the core principles and practices of teaching and learning at Lyndale Greens Primary School.

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.

Lyndale Greens 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.

1 to 1 program at Lyndale Greens Primary School

Classes in grades 5 and 6 at Lyndale Greens Primary School are supported with the use of 1 to 1 devices. Our school operates a 1 to 1 device program, which means students must bring their school supported 1 to 1 device with them to school each day.

Students in Grade 5 & 6 who participate in the school supported 1 to 1 device program are required to:

- follow all conditions set out in the 1 to 1 Learning Program Parent and Student Agreement booklet,
- bring a charged device to school each day to be used during class time for different learning activities.
- take care with how they use and maintain the device.

Students in grades 3 and 4 also have access to 1 to 1 devices however the devices remain at school at the end of each day.

Students, parents and carers who would like more information or assistance regarding our 1 to 1 device program are encouraged to contact our Principal, Victoria Golding.

Safe and appropriate use of digital technologies

Digital technology, if not used appropriately, may present risks to users' safety or wellbeing. At Lyndale Greens 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 Lyndale Greens 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 eSmart
- 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
- 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 our such things as the school newsletter & website and the Skoolbag App.

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 i.e. classroom teacher, 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 Lyndale Greens Primary School's *Statement of Values, Student Wellbeing and Engagement* policy, [eSmart 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), Lyndale Greens 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

This policy was last updated at School Council on **27th March 2019** and is scheduled for review in march 2022

ANNEXURE A: ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Acceptable Use Agreement

See links below for template Acceptable Use Agreements on the Department's website:

- [Acceptable Use Agreement for Primary Schools -](#)
- [Further information - Consent, Acceptable Use Agreements and Online Services](#)