Mossfiel Primary School
Digital Citizenship Agreement

Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet and Digital Technologies

Mossfiel Primary School recognises the need for students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. We believe that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviours is essential and is best taught in partnership between home and school. Safe and responsible behaviour is taught at our school and parents/carers are requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.

Mossfiel Primary School see the internet, iPads and digital technologies as valuable teaching and learning resources, but acknowledge they must be used responsibly. Students are responsible for everything done using their accounts and everything in their home directories. To this end, students need to keep their password secret and not gain access to other students’ login details. The school connects all of the computers through a network. The introduction of unknown games or files could introduce viruses and these put all school equipment and students’ work at risk.

At Mossfiel Primary School we:

- have policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use digital technology and the internet
- educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies
- provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning
- provide a filtered internet service but acknowledge that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed
- use mobile technologies for educational purposes (e.g. apps, podcasts or photos)
- know that some online activities are illegal and as such we are required to report this to the police
- provide support to parents/carers to understand this agreement (e.g. language support)
- provide parents/carers with a copy of this agreement

Access to the internet is a privilege, not a right.
The internet must be used in accordance with DEECD and school guidelines.
Mossfiel Primary School students demonstrate their willingness to be responsible digital citizens through discussion and/or signing this Student Code of Practice. It is an Acceptable Use agreement about using the internet, iPads and other school digital technologies appropriately. As student ability increases, so does individual responsibility and students in years 1-6 access an individual log on and email. They must read and sign this Digital Citizenship agreement before this privilege can occur.

**When I use digital technologies I:**

- **communicate respectfully** by thinking and checking that what I write or post is polite and respectful.
  - This means:
    - never sending mean or bullying messages or passing them on, as this makes me part of the bullying
    - not using actions online to be mean to others (This can include leaving someone out to make them feel bad)
    - not copying someone else’s work or ideas from the internet and presenting them as my own (e.g. I will include the link)

- **protect personal information** by being aware that my full name, photo, birthday, address and phone number is personal information and not to be shared online.
  - This means:
    - protecting my friends' information in the same way
    - protecting my password and not sharing it with others
    - only joining a space online with my parent or teacher’s guidance and permission
    - never answering questions online that ask for my personal information

- **look after myself and others by thinking about what I share online.**
  - This means:
    - never sharing my friends’ full names, birthdays, school names, addresses and phone numbers because this is their personal information
    - speaking to a trusted adult if I see something that makes me feel upset or if I need help
    - speaking to a trusted adult if someone is unkind to me
    - speaking to a trusted adult if I know someone else is upset or scared
    - stopping to first think about what I post or share online
    - using spaces or sites that are right for my age
    - not deliberately searching for something rude or violent
    - either turn off the screen or use the back button if I see something I don’t like and telling a trusted adult
    - being careful with the equipment I use
I have read the Mossfiel Primary School Digital Citizenship Agreement carefully with an adult and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to abide by them.

I understand that any breach of these conditions will result in internet and digital technology access privileges being suspended or removed, including the use of my own iPad at school.

Student Name: ___________________________________________  Year level: _______

Student Signature: _________________________________________  Date: _____________

Parent/Carer Signature: _____________________________________  Date: _____________