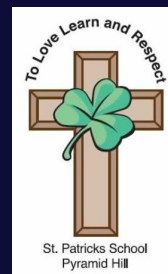


ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PYRAMID HILL



Digital Citizen Policy

Rationale:

St. Patrick's Primary School embraces the benefits of technology in education. We believe the integrated use of technology today in preparing our Learners adequately for their future. St. Patrick's is committed to educating Learners and staff to develop informed and safe practices when using ICT or the internet to develop their positive digital footprint of themselves and the school. We do this by raising awareness of online safety and ethical issues and involve Learners in the process of setting guidelines, informing themselves and others and developing practices that make them good digital citizens. We are committed to educating the staff and Learners of St. Patrick's to be safe and responsible Digital Citizens aware of their choices and communications in an online world.

Aim:

Through ongoing and integrated curriculum St Patrick's aims to:

- Develop safe and responsible Digital Citizens
- Inform Learners of the benefits and dangers in an online world
- Educate Learners on current ICT devices and online trends to ensure their safety
- Use the Internet and ICT to deepen their learning experience
- Adopt practices that promote Cyber safety and maximise the benefits of the Internet and ICT devices used
- Ensure Learners have the skills to minimise and manage risks to themselves and school community

“Digital citizenship is the norms of appropriate, responsible technology use.”

St. Patrick's School
Pyramid Hill

Implementation:

- To explicitly educate our Learners in accordance with the Victorian Curriculum on the use of ICT devices and online learning from Foundation to Year 6
- To develop practices in collaboration with our Learners to promote good choices and behaviours online and when using devices
- To provide learning experiences which utilise a variety of devices and online tools to engage the Learner
- All Learners to commit to, understand and act according to our St Patrick's Technology User Agreement
- The school will appoint an ICON leader to work in collaboration with school ICT technicians and the CEO and to manage email / online accounts access, maintenance of the school website, web filters and issues related to access of Internet by Learners
- Learners and staff to use ICT devices and the internet for teaching and learning only
- All Learner use of online tools and ICT devices will occur under teacher supervision and follow the guidelines of St Patrick's Technology User Agreement
- All devices will be used in positions where supervision is possible
- Any inappropriate or unsafe use of the devices of the Internet must be reported immediately to the Principal. Consequences may occur for misuse or lack of ability to follow the schools agreed user agreement
- Educate our Learners on Copyright and endeavour to ensure that the Internet and all devices are used in a way that meets all legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community
- St. Patrick's Technology User Agreements to be clearly displayed in learning areas to promote safe and responsible Digital citizenship.

Assessment & Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed annually and earlier should a need to arise to do so.

Resources:

- St Patrick's Technology User Agreement - Junior & Senior
- Stay Smart Online - <http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/school>
- Cybersmart - <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Schools.aspx>
- Think you know - <http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/site/>
- ACMA-
<http://www.acma.gov.au/Home/Citizen/Stay%20protected/My%20online%20world/Stayi%20ng%20safe%20online>

Reviewed: February 2019

St. Patricks School
Pyramid Hill