Digital Learning Policy Document

Rationale

The goal of Digital Learning at St Mary’s College Primary Campus is to prepare and inspire students for life in the 21st Century as digital citizens. Awareness and understanding of how digital technology can enhance and motivate learning is central to the Digital Learning Program at our Primary Campus. Digital Learning is integrated across all learning areas. Digital citizenship, online safety and critical and creative thinking skills are emphasised across our teaching and learning programs.

Our School Values

- Be kind
- Be respectful
- Be responsible

Kindness, respect and responsibility are our core values at the Primary Campus and we consider them when making decisions and in our relationships with one another. We abide by these values when engaging with Digital Learning.

Cyber Safety

In ensuring all students have the opportunity to take an active role in their own learning we support the use of Digital Learning to explore, question, wonder about and create within the world around us. In order to do so all students must feel safe and encouraged to participate in the school community. We do not tolerate bullying of any kind, especially online, and aim to create a school environment where all students feel safe and inspired when using technology to learn and share. It is expected that parents and families will support the school’s approach to cybersafety through maintaining awareness of student use of technology at home. We aim to equip students with the tools they will need to be active, responsible and aware technology users into the future.

St Mary’s College Primary Campus takes great pride in the efforts of its students and believes in sharing and acknowledging these efforts. At times students’ work and/or photographs may be shared online or in hard copy and on these occasions we recognise that the importance of the child’s safety is paramount. A form about work and photo use will be issued upon enrolment in the campus (and for all existing enrolled students as of 2015). Only students’ first names will be used online.
Procedure

All students in Year 3 - 6 (as of 2015; to be reviewed for younger students in 2016) at the St Mary’s College Primary Campus and their parents are expected to sign a Digital Learning Acceptable Use Agreement form. If anyone believes there is a breach to this agreement please;

- notify the classroom teacher immediately
- close or switch off the screen but where possible allow a third party (staff member) to access the information and record the incident
- make sure no one else is exposed to the breach
- inform the Principal/Head Of Primary of serious breaches

See your child’s classroom teacher for further advice or suggestions or to clarify any details within this policy.

For further information about Cyber safety refer to:


Thank you for your support in ensuring the students of St Mary’s College are prepared for life as digital citizens through the 21st century.

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