Rationale

Templestowe Valley Primary School believes the teaching of cybersafety and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school.

In the 21st century students spend increasing amounts of time online, learning and collaborating. To be safe online and to gain the greatest benefit from the opportunities provided through an online environment, students need to do the right thing by themselves and others online, particularly when no one is watching.

Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at TVPS and parents/carers are requested to reinforce this behaviour.

Part A - School support for the safe and responsible use of digital technologies

Templestowe Valley Primary School uses the internet and digital technologies as valuable teaching and learning tools. They must be used responsibly.

Your child has been asked to agree to the responsible use of the internet and digital technologies at school. Parents/carers should be aware that the nature of the internet is such that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.

At Templestowe Valley Primary School we:

- have policies in place that outline the values of TVPS and expected behaviours when students use the internet and digital technology
- provide a filtered internet service
- provide supervision and direction with online activities and when using digital technologies for learning
- support students in developing digital literacy skills
- have a Cybersafety Program (developed by Susan McLean) which is reinforced across the school
- use digital technologies for educational purposes (e.g. podcasts or photos from excursions)
- reinforce that cybersafety and responsible behaviours are expected in the use of digital technology
- provide student with an assigned username and password to enable the sending and receipt of emails through a filtered and monitored system
- have made every attempt to provide a safe technology environment. It is a responsibility of all users to follow the school rules, teacher directions and procedures and to report any inappropriate use of material to the classroom teacher.
Acceptable Use Agreement for Internet and Digital Technologies

Part B - Student Agreement: ___________________________(print STUDENT name)

When I use digital technology I agree to:

1. be a safe, responsible and ethical user whenever and wherever I use it
2. support others by being respectful in how I communicate with them and never write or participate in online bullying (this includes forwarding messages or images and supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour)
3. talk to a teacher if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe online or see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour. (I understand that it is not my fault if I get a message like that)
4. seek to understand the terms and conditions of websites and online communities and be aware that content I upload or post is my digital footprint
5. protect my privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out or ‘posting’ personal details including full names, dates of birth, telephone numbers, addresses or images
6. use the internet for educational purposes and to use the equipment properly
7. abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references where necessary)
8. not 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
9. not reveal my password to anyone except the ICT Coordinator, classroom teacher or parent
10. not bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school computers
11. accept and understand that the Principal, Assistant Principal and ICT Coordinator reserve the right to search and/or monitor any information, created, accessed, sent, received and/or stored in any format by students on school equipment
12. look after school equipment and I understand that if damage to school equipment occurs, this may incur a cost (at the discretion of the ICT Co-ordinator or the Principal)

This Acceptable Use Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps and extra-curricula activities.

- I have read the Acceptable Use Agreement carefully and I understand the significance of the conditions.
- I acknowledge and agree to follow these rules.
- I understand that if I break any of the rules that I will lose my access to digital technologies at school for a period of time determined by my teacher, the ICT Co-ordinator or the Principal. Any incident will be reported to my parents.

Student Name ________________________________ Grade _______

Student Signature ___________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ________________ Date ___________

If you have any concerns or questions about this agreement please contact your child’s teacher, the Assistant Principal or the Principal at Templestowe Valley Primary School on 8850 5777.

For further Support with online issues students can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. Parents/cares call Parentline 132289 or visit http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/report.aspx