VALUES

Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, Integrity, Respect, Friendliness, Resilience, Understanding and Acceptance

EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

We are learners. We are responsible. We are respectful. We are safe.

POLICY RATIONALE

• 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 uphold the school values.

• Point Cook P - 9 College believes the teaching of eSmart and cybersafety and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students.

• The school is committed to reducing students’ exposure to cyber-risks (such as cyberbullying, online sexual predation, sexting, identity theft and fraud). Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at all levels at our school and parents/carers are expected to reinforce this behaviour at home.

• Illegal online activities will be reported to police.

Aims:

• To harness student and staff use of ICT to foster digital literacy, fluency and social responsibility in a safe environment.

• Establish an eSmart and Cybersafe culture which is in keeping with the values of the school and the expectations outlined in the Point Cook College School Wide Positive Behaviors Framework which includes actions and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

• Educate Point Cook College students to be smart, safe, responsible and ethical users of digital technologies.

IMPLEMENTATION:

At Point Cook P - 9 College we will:

• Follow the policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use digital technology and the internet

• provide a filtered internet service

• provide access to the Department of Education and Training’s search engine Connect

• provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning

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• support students in developing digital literacy skills
• have an eSmart/Cybersafety program at the school which is reinforced across the whole school
• provide support to parents/carers to understand the Acceptable User Agreement (e.g. language support)
• provide support to parents/carers through information evenings and through relevant documentation online and through school publications for parents to remain informed
• work with students to outline and reinforce the expected behaviours when using the Internet
• ensure all students understand and sign the Point Cook College Student Acceptable Use Agreement
• ensure parents are made aware of the Acceptable Use agreement upon enrolment
• maintain a commitment to the Sustaining Phase of the eSmart program

EVALUATION

• Students and staff will be surveyed using the student and staff opinion survey with specific questions related to Cybersafety
• This policy will be reviewed by School Council to confirm and enhance the policy