



CYBER SAFETY AGREEMENT

St Patrick's School supports the rights of all members of the school community to be provided with, and engage in, a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment. This extends to the use of digital tools and online communities, and is underpinned by our expectation that all members of our school community will behave in a safe and responsible manner. The school is committed to the pursuit of excellence in learning and teaching, and integrating technology as an effective tool to achieve this goal.

St Patrick's School:

- provides all students with digital technology for educational use.
- educates students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies.
- raises students' awareness of issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright.
- supervises and support students when using digital technologies within the classroom, and establishes clear protocols and procedures when working in online spaces including reviewing and considering the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities.
- provides a filtered internet service but acknowledges that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.
- responds to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students including those reported through online services.
- implements the procedures in St. Patrick's School Behaviour Management Policy when students are not following school expectations in the safe and responsible use of the internet and digital technologies.
- identifies that some online activities are illegal and as such the school is required to report this to the appropriate authority.
- supports parents/guardians to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies, potential issues and the strategies that they can implement at home to support their child; providing the Acceptable User Agreements (F-2 and Year 3-6, as appropriate) and this Cyber Safety Agreement, as well as current information through newsletters and information sessions (if appropriate).

Care must be taken to ensure the resources are protected from harm and that no users are exposed to materials considered offensive or illegal. Students and parents should carefully read and discuss the conditions outlined in the appropriate Acceptable User Agreement. To have access to the school's digital resources, students must agree to abide by the school's Acceptable User and Cyber Safety Agreements. This Agreement covers the student's use of digital technology equipment (such as computers, hand held devices, camera, printers, and digital platforms e.g. Internet, networks and email. social media, apps, and software).

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

By signing this Agreement you are agreeing to the following -

- I have discussed this Agreement with my child.
- I will monitor my child's technology use at home.
- When engaging with St. Patrick's School using digital technology, I will not send any inappropriate texts or images.
- I have read St. Patrick's School Digital Technology Policy (available on website) and have also discussed the policy with my child.
- I will not engage in unauthorised sites that appear to have St. Patrick's School name or post confidential or embarrassing information or images about a member of the school community.
- I understand that I must not take, and/or post, photos of a school event that have children for whom I am not a parent or guardian without permission from the child/children's parents/guardians.
- I understand that if my child does not adhere to the school policy it may lead to suspension or termination of my child's access to the school's technology facilities and internet. Police will be informed if the violation may have broken any law.
- I will not engage in any inappropriate use of Social Media to embarrass the school's reputation or which may be construed as bullying or harassing or embarrassing members of the Patrick's School community.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

I declare that my child and I have read, discussed and understood the Acceptable Use Agreement and this Cyber Safety Agreement. I hereby give permission for my child to use the St. Patrick's School's technology facilities and Internet. I accept the terms of this Agreement.

Name

Signature

Date/...../20.....

The school reserves the right to vary the terms of this Agreement to accommodate unforeseen circumstances relating to the use of facilities by students. Variations shall be in writing signed by the Principal, and shall be distributed to students and shall take effect accordingly.