



TOORAK PRIMARY SCHOOL

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT

Rationale

At Toorak Primary School we:

Support the rights of all members of the school community to engage in and promote a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment.

Have a Student Engagement and Inclusion Policy that clearly states our school's values and the expected standards of student behaviour, including actions and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.

Educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies.

Raise our students' awareness of issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright.

Supervise students when using digital technologies for educational purposes.

Provide a filtered internet service but acknowledge that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.

Respond to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students.

Know that some online activities are illegal and as such we are required to report this to the police.

Provide parents/guardians with a copy of this agreement via the Centrecom and school website.

Support parents/guardians to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of digital technologies, the potential issues that surround their use and strategies that they can implement at home to support their child.

Student Declaration

When I use digital technologies I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times, by:

- Respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner; never writing or participating in online bullying (for example, forwarding messages and supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours)
- Protecting my privacy; not giving out personal details, including my full name, telephone number, address, passwords and images
- Protecting the privacy of others; never posting or forwarding their personal details or images without their consent
- Talking to a teacher if I personally feel uncomfortable or unsafe online, or if I see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours
- Carefully considering the content that I upload or post online; this is often viewed as a personal reflection of who I am

- Investigating the terms and conditions (e.g. age restrictions, parental consent requirements). If my understanding is unclear I will seek further explanation from a trusted adult
- Confirming that I meet the stated terms and conditions; completing the required registration processes with factual responses about my personal details
- Handling ICT devices with care and notifying a teacher if it is damaged or requires attention
- Abiding by copyright and intellectual property regulations. If necessary, I will request permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references.
- Not interfering with network systems and security, the data of another user or attempting to log into the network with a user name or password of another student
- Not bringing to school or downloading unauthorised programs, including games. In additions, when I use my personal mobile phone, I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times, by:
- Respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner; never verbally or in writing participating in
 - bullying (for example, harassing phone calls/text messages, supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviours by forwarding messages.
- Respecting the privacy of others; only taking photos or recording sound or video at school when I have formal consent or it is part of an approved lesson
- Obtaining appropriate (written) consent from individuals who appear in images or sound and video recordings before forwarding them to other people or posting/ uploading them to online spaces.

Conditions of use for student owned devices

This includes those purchased from Centrecom. If taken home, the student must bring portable devices fully-charged to school every day.

Parents/guardians and students should be aware that files stored on the device, or on the school's server, are not private.

All devices purchased from Centrecom must have a three year warranty and optional insurance by iBroker is recommended.

Definition of Digital Technologies

This Acceptable Use Agreement applies to digital technologies, social media tools and learning environments established by our school or accessed using school owned networks or systems, including (although are not limited to):

- School owned ICT devices (e.g. desktops, laptops, printers, scanners)
- Mobile phones
- Email and instant messaging
- Internet, Intranet and Ultranet
- Social networking sites (e.g. Facebook, SuperClubsPLUS, Edomdo)
- Video and photo sharing websites (e.g. Picasa, Youtube)
- Blogs

- Micro-blogs (e.g. Twitter)
- Forums, discussion boards and groups
(e.g. Google groups, Whirlpool)
- Wikis (e.g. Wikipedia)
- Vod, APPS and podcasts
- Video conferences and web conferences.

Damage or loss of equipment

All devices and batteries are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. The warranty covers manufacturer's defects and normal use of the device. It does not cover negligence, abuse or malicious damage.

Any problems, vandalism, damage, loss or theft of the device must be reported immediately to the school.

In the case of suspected theft, a police report must be made by the family and a copy of the report provided to the insurance company.

In the case of loss or accidental damage, a statement should be signed by a parent/carer and provided to the insurance company.

Students may be required to replace lost or damaged chargers at own cost.

If a school or another student's device is damaged or lost, the principal or their nominee will determine whether replacement is appropriate.

If a device is damaged and the damage is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty or any insurance arrangements, the principal may determine that the student will pay the costs of repairing the damage or if necessary the costs of replacing the device.

Standards for device

The student is responsible for:

Adhering to the school's Acceptable Use Agreement or Student Engagement Policy when using the machine, both at home and school.

Backing up data securely. Maintaining settings for virus protection, spam and filtering that have been set as a Departmental Standard.

Acceptable Use Agreement

This Acceptable Use Agreement applies when I am using any of the above digital technologies at school, at home, during school excursions, camps and extra-curricula activities.

I understand and agree to comply with the term of acceptable use and expected standard of behaviour set out within this agreement.

I understand that there are actions and consequences established within the school's Student Engagement and Welfare Policy if I do not behave appropriately.

Evaluation

This agreement / policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four -year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in Oct 2014