



Information Technology - Cyber-Safety Policy

The measures to ensure the cyber-safety of students & staff are based on our school values: respect, responsibility, communication, excellence and friendship. To assist us to enhance learning through the safe use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), we are asking you to read this document and sign the attached Use Agreement Form.

Rigorous cyber-safety practices are in place, which include cyber-safety Use Agreements for staff and students, who have been involved in the development of the agreement. Child protection education, such as the Keeping Safe child protection curriculum, includes information about remaining safe when using new technologies and is provided to all students.

Under regulations 40 and 41 of the Education Regulations 1997, principals can suspend or exclude a student who acts in a manner that threatens the safety or wellbeing of a student or member of staff, or another person associated with the school. These regulations do not preclude an event that occurs outside of school hours or off site. Principals can therefore use these procedures with a student enrolled at their school if the principal believes, on reasonable grounds, that the student has acted in such a manner, even if this behaviour occurred outside of school hours or off site.

Police officers also have the power to confiscate a mobile phone where any image held on the phone is possible evidence of a crime. The phone may be kept by SAPOL until the action comes before a court. Where DECD staff reasonably suspect that a student has used a mobile phone to record a crime, the phone should be confiscated and handed to SAPOL. Staff are not permitted to open or view the message, as this may compromise evidence.

The computer network, and other ICT equipment / devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programs at Virginia Primary School, and to the effective operation of the school. The ICT equipment is for educational purposes appropriate to this environment, whether it is owned or leased either partially or wholly by the school, and used on or off the site. The overall goal of Pimpala Primary School is to create and maintain a cybersafety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations. The Use Agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cybersafety breaches that undermine the safety of the school environment.

All students will be issued with a Use Agreement and once signed consent has been returned to school, students will be able to use the school ICT equipment.

Material sent and received using the network may be monitored and filtering and / or monitoring software may be used to restrict access to certain sites and data, including e-mail. Where a student is suspected of an electronic crime, this will be reported to the South Australia Police. Where a personal electronic device such as a mobile phone is used to capture images of a crime, such as an assault, the device will be confiscated and handed to the police.

While every reasonable effort is made by schools and DECD administrators to prevent children's exposure to inappropriate content when using the department's online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. In particular, DECD cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home, from other locations away from school or on mobile devices owned by your child. DECD recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.

Please contact us if you have any concerns about your child's safety in using the Internet and ICT equipment / devices.

Important Terms:

'Cyber-safety' refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment / devices, including mobile phones.

'Cyber bullying' is bullying which uses e-technology as a means of victimising others. It is the use of an Internet service or mobile technologies, including social networking services (eg Facebook, MySpace, Twitter) with the intention of harming another person.

'School ICT' refers to the schools computer network, Internet access facilities, computers, and other ICT equipment / devices as outlined below.

'ICT equipment / devices' includes computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, audio players), cameras, mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players / receivers, and any other similar technologies.

'Inappropriate material' means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty or violence in a manner that is likely to be injurious to children or incompatible with a school or preschool environment.

'E-crime' occurs when computers or other electronic communication equipment / devices (eg Internet, mobile phones) are used to commit an offence, are targeted in an offence, or act as storage devices in an offence.

Strategies to help keep Virginia Primary School Students Cyber-Safe

Reception - Year 3

Parents / caregivers play a critical role in developing knowledge, understanding and ethics around their child's safety and safe practices regardless of the time of day. Being cyber-safe is no exception and we invite you to discuss with your child the following strategies to help students stay safe when using ICT at school and after formal school hours.

1. I will use school ICT equipment only when my parents / caregivers have signed my USE Agreement form and the completed form has been returned to school.
2. I will use computers and other ICT equipment for my learning and only with my teacher's permission.
3. I will go online or use the Internet at school only when a teacher gives permission and an adult is present
3. If there is something I'm not sure about, I will ask my teacher.
5. I will use the Internet, e-mail, mobile phones and any other ICT equipment only for positive purposes.
Therefore, I will not be mean, rude or unkind to or about other people
6. If I find anything that upsets me, is mean or rude, or that I know is not acceptable at our school, I will:
 - Not show others
 - Turn off the screen
 - Get a teacher straight away
7. Only with permission from home and the school will I bring any ICT equipment / devices to school. This includes things like mobile phones, iPods, games, cameras, CDs, DVDs, and USB / portable drives.
8. I will ask my teachers permission before I put any personal information online. Personal identifying information includes any of the following:
 - my full name
 - my address
 - my e-mail address
 - my phone numbers
 - photos of me and / or people close to me.
9. I will be careful and will look after all our school ICT equipment by:
 - not being silly and playing around with it
 - following our school cyber-safety strategies
 - telling a teacher about anything wrong or damaged.
10. If I'm not cyber-safe, the school may need to tell my parents / caregivers and there may be consequences associated with my behaviour.

Virginia Primary School Cyber-Safety Agreement Form

Reception - Year 3

To the parent / caregiver / legal guardian:

Please read this page carefully to check that you understand your responsibilities under this agreement.

Return the signed Use Agreement to the school.

I understand that Virginia Primary School will:

- do its best to enhance learning through the safe use of ICTs. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, illegal or harmful material on the Internet or on ICT equipment / devices at school, or at school related activities
- work with children and their families to encourage and develop an understanding of the importance of cyber-safety through education designed to complement and support the Use Agreement initiative. This includes providing children with strategies to keep themselves safe in a connected online world
- respond to any breaches in an appropriate manner
- welcome enquiries at any time from parents / caregivers / legal guardians or children about cyber-safety issues.

My responsibilities include:

- discussing the information about cyber-safety with my child and explaining why it is important
- supporting the school's cyber-safety program by emphasising to my child the need to follow the cyber-safety strategies
- contacting the principal or nominee to discuss any questions I may have about cyber-safety and / or this Use Agreement.

CYBER-SAFETY USE AGREEMENT (RECEPTION - YEAR 3)

I have read and understood this Cyber-safety Use Agreement and I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cyber-safe learning environment.

Name of child _____

Teacher _____

Name of parent / caregiver _____

Signature of parent / caregiver _____

Please note: This agreement will remain in force as long as your child is enrolled at Virginia, until Year 4. If it becomes necessary to add / amend any information or rule, you will be advised in writing.

PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO SCHOOL AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE.

Strategies to help keep Virginia Primary School Students Cyber-Safe Years 4 - 7

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1. I will not use school ICT equipment until my parents / caregivers and I have signed my Use Agreement Form and the completed form has been returned to school.
2. I will use the computers and other ICT equipment only for my learning.
3. I will go online or use the Internet at school only when a teacher gives permission and an adult is present.
4. If I am unsure whether I am allowed to do something involving ICT, I will ask the teacher first.
5. If I have my own user name, I will log on only with that user name. I will not allow anyone else to use my name.
6. I will use the Internet, e-mail, mobile phones or any ICT equipment only for positive purposes, not to be mean, rude or offensive, or to bully, harass, or in any way harm anyone else, or the school itself, even if it is meant as a joke.
7. While at school, I will:
 - attempt to search only for things online that I know are acceptable at our school. This would exclude anything that is rude or violent or uses unacceptable language such as swearing
 - report any attempt to get around, or bypass, security, monitoring and filtering that is in place at our school.
8. If I find anything that upsets me, is mean or rude, or that I know is not acceptable at our school, I will:
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10. Only with written permission from the teacher will I connect any ICT device to school ICT, or run any software (eg a USB / portable drive, CD, DVD, camera or phone). This includes all wireless / Bluetooth technologies.
11. The school cyber-safety strategies apply to any ICTs brought to school.
12. To ensure my compliance with copyright laws, I will only download or copy any files such as music, videos, games or programs with the permission of a teacher or the owner of the original material.
13. I will ask my teacher's permission before I put any personal information online. Personal identifying information includes any of the following:
 - my full name
 - my address
 - my e-mail address
 - my phone numbers
 - photos of me and/or people close to me.
14. I will respect all school ICTs and will treat all ICT equipment / devices with care. This includes:
 - not intentionally disrupting the smooth running of any school ICT systems
 - not attempting to hack or gain unauthorised access to any system
 - following all school cyber-safety strategies, and not joining in if other students choose to be irresponsible with ICTs
 - reporting any breakages / damage to a staff member.
15. If I do not follow cyber-safety practices the school may inform my parents / caregivers. In serious cases, the school may take disciplinary action against me. My family may be charged for repair costs. If illegal material or activities are involved or e-crime is suspected, it may be necessary for the school to inform the police and hold securely personal items for potential examination by police. Such actions may occur even if the incident occurs off-site and / or out of school hours.

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