



TRUGANINA SOUTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

eSMART and CYBERSAFETY 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 do the right thing by themselves and others online.
- Truganina South Primary School believes the teaching of eSmart /cybersafe 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 requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.
- Some online activities are illegal and as such 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 TSPS Student Engagement Policy which includes actions and consequences for inappropriate behaviour.
- Educate TSPS students to be smart, safe, responsible and ethical users of digital technologies.

Implementation:

At Truganina South Primary School 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 Early Childhood Development's search engine Connect
- provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning
- support students in developing digital literacy skills
- have an eSmart/Cybersafety program at the school which is reinforced across the 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 TSPS Student Acceptable Use agreement
- ensure parents are made aware of the Acceptable Use agreement upon enrolment

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 annually by School Council to confirm and enhance the policy

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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