



Digital Technology Policy and ICT/Cyber-safety User Agreement for Students

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The measures to ensure the cyber-safety of Plympton International College are based on our core values. To assist us to enhance learning through the safe use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), we are now asking you to read this document and sign the attached User Agreement Form.

Rigorous cyber-safety practices are in place, which include cyber-safety User Agreements for staff and students, who have been involved in the development of the agreement.

The computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programs at Plympton International College and to the effective operation of the college. The ICT equipment is for educational purposes appropriate to this environment.

The overall goal of Plympton International College is to create and maintain a cyber-safety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations. The User Agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cyber-safety breaches that undermine the safety of the college environment.

All students will be issued with a User Agreement (this document) and once signed and returned to school, students will be able to use the college ICT equipment and their own personal devices.

Digital Technology Policy – Electronic Devices, Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

We live in a very exciting time of innovation in technology. We acknowledge mobile and smart devices are an important communication tool between families and students. Naturally new technology presents many challenges. Our college has policies and practices to ensure appropriate use of these devices and helping our students to navigate the 'digital world'.

Procedures - Student use of mobile devices :

There is a 'no mobile phone or other such device' policy during lesson time . All devices must be switched off during lessons and will only be used during lesson time when directed by their teacher for educational purposes.

Phones and cellular watches are not to be used in the school yard and any external communication needs to happen via the front office. This is to ensure the safety of all students.

Phones should be kept in lockers and only used during break times.

Students may not use their mobile devices to make contact with their parents/care givers to organise to be collected from college. If unwell or injured students are required to report to their classroom or home group teacher who will then make contact with office personnel. Parents/care givers will be contacted regarding their child/children's illness or injury and to arrange for the child/children to be collected.

The college does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile devices.

It is Department for Education and College policy that all students and their parents/caregivers sign the **Digital Technology Policy and ICT/Cyber-safety User Agreement for Students** before using devices at the College.

We thank all families for abiding by this. We may need to review our policies if communication occurs outside of these parameters.

(Continued over page)

Students of DfE ICT facilities must in addition to the Cyber-Safety Use Agreement for Students user policy, agree to the additional following terms and conditions for Office 365 ProPlus:

1. The LearnLink Office 365 Service, including Office 365 Pro Plus is only to be used in relation to delivering curriculum objectives, and will not be used to store sensitive or personal information.
2. Personal computer operating systems and applications to be regularly updated.
3. Personal computers and mobile devices to run, and regularly update anti-virus / anti-malware .
4. Important information in addition to LearnLink Office 365 Service(s) should be backed up.
5. Sensitive information should not be stored or used in conjunction with the Office 365 Service.
6. Users of the LearnLink Office 365 Service are responsible for the information/data in their Office 365 account, including OneDrive, OneNote and email.

Students will need to back up their personal computer including all information / data prior to downloading and installing Office 365 Pro Plus.

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 DfE 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, DfE cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home, from other locations away from school or on mobile devices owned by your child. DfE recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.

More information about Internet filtering can be found on the websites of the Australian Communications and Media Authority at <http://www.acma.gov.au>, NetAlert at <http://www.netalert.gov.au>, the Kids Helpline at <http://www.kidshelp.com.au> and Bullying No Way at <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>.

Please contact the Principal, 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 - such as e-mail, chat room discussion groups, instant messaging, webpages or SMS (text messaging) - with the intention of harming another person.

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

'ICT equipment/devices' includes computers (such as desktops, laptops), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs), cameras (such as video and digital cameras and webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), digital watches 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 Plympton International College Students Cyber-safe

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 us stay safe when using ICT at school [or preschool] and after formal school [or preschool] hours.

1. I will not use school ICT equipment until my parents/caregivers and I have signed my User 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 keep my password private.
7. 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.
8. While at school, I will:
 - attempt to search 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.
9. 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.
10. Only with written permission from home and the school will I bring any ICT equipment/devices to school. This includes things like mobile phones, digital watches, iPods, games, cameras, and USB/portable drives.
11. 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, camera or phone). This includes all wireless/Bluetooth technologies.
12. The school cyber-safety strategies apply to any ICTs brought to school.
13. To ensure my compliance with copyright laws, I will download or copy any files such as music, videos, games or programs only with the permission of a teacher or the owner of the original material.
14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR USER AGREEMENT TO SIGN

THIS PAGE INTENTIONALLY LEFT BLANK

**Digital Technology Policy
and
ICT/Cyber-safety User Agreement for Students**

To the parent/caregiver/legal guardian:

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

Return the signed User Agreement to the school.

I understand that Plympton International College 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 User Agreement.

Digital Technology Policy and ICT/Cyber-safety User Agreement for Students

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

Name of student.....

Group/Class.....

Signature of studentDate.....

Name of parent/caregiver/legal guardian.....

Signature of parent/caregiver/legal guardian.....Date.....

**Please note: This agreement will remain in force as long as your child is enrolled at this school.
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.