

Gunbower Primary School

eSmart POLICY



Learning For Life

GUNBOWER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Rationale:

Gunbower Primary School is committed to providing a comprehensive education enabling all students to excel within a positive, respectful and stimulating learning environment. The internet and digital technologies provide many opportunities for student engagement and learning. It is important for all students to be responsible and safe when working in the online environment or when using ICT devices. Students must be cyber-ready and cyber-safe.

Aim:

- For Gunbower Primary School to develop a whole school approach ensuring its students are protected from bullying and cyberbullying in and out of school.
- This eSmart Policy should be read in conjunction with the following policy documents:
 - INTERNET-ICT USER POLICY
 - STUDENT ENGAGEMENT POLICY

Implementation:

- All staff members are to be familiar with the policy documents listed above. Staff are required to adhere to policy guidelines as part of their daily duties.
- At the commencement of each school year, and at any other time as required, teachers are to familiarise students with the protocols in place when using all digital technologies, including both the safe handling of equipment.
- Throughout the school year, all students will receive explicit education of an eSmart curriculum in relation to:
 - Staying safe online.
 - How to deal with conflict, bullying, cyber-bullying and harassment.
 - Developing confidence when utilising digital technologies safely.
- Gunbower Primary School staff will use the following resources to support their teaching of an eSmart curriculum:
 - Better Buddies
 - You Can Do It Program.
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- Gunbower Primary School is committed to educating not only its students but also the wider community. Information relating to the eSmart Curriculum and associated

programs will be communicated via school newsletters and the school website. Information sessions which may include guest speakers will be made available to the wider school community.

- Parents and students are required to sign a responsible use of ICT policy at the commencement of each school year.
- All staff members are responsible for ensuring students adhere to the requirements set out in the ICT responsible use policy.
- All students and staff are responsible for reporting any form of bullying (including cyber-bullying) or harassment to their supervising teacher.
- The school community as a whole has a responsibility for the safety of students at Gunbower Primary School. Parents/carers and other members of the school community who witness any form of unacceptable behaviour e.g. cyber-bullying, grooming are expected to report this to the Principal as soon as practicable.

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