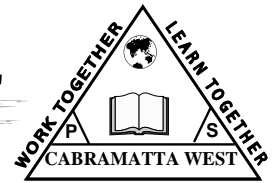


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Year 6 Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Policy

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to clarify what is considered acceptable and unacceptable student use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT), including the Internet, shared network drives, laptops and mobile devices. Cabramatta West Public School embraces student use of ICT in the belief that it enables students to learn in a multitude of different and powerful ways with great efficiency.

Educational Purpose

The School network, web sites, email and electronic learning systems have been implemented with educational purpose in mind. Students will be permitted to use personal devices (tablets) for their own personal learning. However, all content stored on, or accessed from, the device must fit within the values of the school and this policy.

The Role of Students

Students are responsible for their own behaviour and actions. They are careful and respectful when using ICT facilities and devices. Students understand and respect that there will be times when their parents and teachers wish for them not to make use of ICT. At school some learning will occur that does not require the use of a device. At home there will be times when parents wish for their children to 'disconnect' from schoolwork or socialising with friends. Students understand and respect the need for staff and parents to check what they have been doing with the device. These checks will be conducted randomly throughout the whole school year.

Students are cybersmart and take reasonable precautions to avoid online dangers, as outlined on the Cybersmart website (www.cybersmart.gov.au). Specifically they are familiar with:

- avoiding unwanted contact;
- Cyberbullying;
- Protecting personal information;
- trusting online friends;
- offensive content;
- identity theft.

The Role of Parents/Guardians

Parents and Guardians are ultimately responsible for setting and conveying the standards that their children should follow. The School expects that those standards will be in accordance with School rules, this policy and other School policies.

The Role of Teachers

Teachers will embrace student use of ICT in the belief that it enables students to become more powerful and efficient learners. They will provide guidance and instruction to students regarding appropriate use.

Unacceptable Use

When using ICT, students should be aware of the issues relating to privacy of both themselves and others. Students should take the utmost care when using ICT equipment as it is easily damaged and expensive to replace. Explicitly students should not:

- capture or distribute voice recordings, still images or video footage of any person without their permission;
- access, create or distribute offensive material;
- post personal details about themselves or others in electronic public spaces;
- share their user name or password with others;
- play games without permission;
- delete their internet history;
- use personal 3G internet to access web content that has been restricted by the school.

Disciplinary Actions

Generally, classroom teachers and executive teachers will ensure that appropriate consequences are put in place for inappropriate student behaviour.

Yours Sincerely

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Mrs M. Vallorani
Principal