



eSmart POLICY

Mount Pleasant Road Primary School

A. Rationale:

- A.1. Information Communication Technology (ICT) is an important tool for preparing students for their future and we want students to be confident and safe using technology.
- A.2. Mount Pleasant Road Primary School is an accredited eSmart school and promotes cyber safety in the community. eSmart Schools is an initiative designed to help schools improve cybersafety and reduce cyberbullying and bullying.
- A.3. Explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviours is essential, and is best taught in partnership with parents/guardians.

B. Aims:

- B.1. To maintain Mount Pleasant Road Primary Schools eSmart accreditation by:
 - B.1.1. Providing safe and meaningful opportunities to enhance student learning through the use of ICT;
 - B.1.2. Explicitly instructing students in the responsibilities and risks inherent in using digital and online resources;
 - B.1.3. Safeguarding against the negative effects of cyberbullying through careful monitoring, prompt reporting and employing restorative practices in the aftermath of any instance of cyber bullying.

C. Implementation:

- C.1. All students will undertake a cyber-safety program and be required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement (attached) with their parents before they will be allowed to access online content.
- C.2. The school community will be provided with cyber-safety information on a regular basis.
- C.3. Teachers will incorporate ICT into any suitable aspect of their lessons e.g. teaching, when communicating with students or parents, assessing, reporting and presenting student work.
- C.4. The school will have an active eSmart Committee, which consists of staff and parent representatives and consults with students through the Student Representative Council. The role of the committee is to guide the introduction of policies and practices to support the creation of a cybersafe or eSmart environment.
- C.5. Incidents of cyber bullying will not be tolerated at Mount Pleasant Road Primary School and victims and their parents/guardians will be encouraged to report incidents to the school or authorities if necessary.
- C.6. Incidents of cyber bullying will be dealt with as outlined in the school's Anti Bullying and Cyberbullying and Student Engagement and Well Being policies

D. Evaluation:

- D.1. This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

E. Attachments:

- E.1. Acceptable Use Agreements

This policy was last ratified by School Council in..

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