

# Digital Learning Acceptable Use Agreement



## Year 9-12

At Northern Bay P-12 College we support the rights of all members of the school community to be provided with and engage in a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment. This extends to the use of digital tools and online communities and is underpinned by our expectation of safe and responsible behaviour of all members of the school community.

### At our school we:

- have a **Student Wellbeing Policy** that states our school's values and expected standards of student behaviour, including our CORE expectations of Collaboration, Outcomes, Respect, and Equity.
- educate our students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies. This is evident through our BYOD and college-owned device programs.
- raise our students' awareness of issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright.
- supervise and support students when using digital technologies within the classroom and establish clear protocols and procedures when working in online spaces including reviewing and considering the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities:
  - [Bullystoppers Duty of Care and Supervision](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/prindutycare.aspx)  
([www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/prindutycare.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/prindutycare.aspx))
- Are a member of the eSmart Schools initiative, information on which can be found at <https://www.esmartschools.org.au>
- provide a filtered internet service but acknowledge that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.
- will use appropriate actions to respond to issues or incidents that breach this agreement, including but not limited to confiscation of devices, deleting of inappropriate apps/programs/content, and restricting access to our school network.
- know that some online activities are illegal and as such we are required to report this to the appropriate authority.
- support parents/guardians to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies, potential issues and the strategies that they can implement at home to support their child; providing this Acceptable Use Agreement and current information from both the [Department of Education and Training](#) and Cybersmart:
  - [Bullystoppers Interactive Learning Modules - parents](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx)  
([www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/bullystoppers/Pages/parentmodules.aspx))
  - [Cybersafety guide - parents](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx) ([www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Parents.aspx))

## Part A: Safe and Responsible Behaviour

### **When I use digital technologies and the internet I communicate respectfully by:**

- always thinking and checking that what I write or post is polite and respectful.
- being kind to my friends and classmates and thinking about how the things I do or say online might make them think or feel.
- working to stop bullying. This includes not sending bullying messages or passing them on to others.
- creating and presenting my own work, and if I do copy something from the internet, letting others know by sharing the website link to acknowledge the creator.

### **When I use digital technologies and the internet I protect personal information by being aware that my full name, photo, birthday, address and phone number is personal information and is not to be shared online.**

#### **This means I:**

- protect my friends' information in the same way.
- protect my passwords and don't share them with anyone except my parent/carer.
- only ever join spaces with my parents or teacher's guidance and/or permission.
- never answer questions online that ask for my personal information.
- know not to post three or more pieces of identifiable information about myself.

### **When I use digital technologies and the internet I respect myself and others by thinking about what I share online. This means I:**

- stop to think about what I post or share online.
- use spaces or sites that are appropriate for my age and if I am not sure I will ask a trusted adult for help.
- speak to a trusted adult if I come across inappropriate online behaviour. This includes alerting them to bullying that is happening to myself or others.
- don't deliberately search for inappropriate material.
- turn off or close the screen if I see something inappropriate and tell a trusted adult.
- am careful with the equipment I use.

#### **At school we/I have:**

- discussed ways to be a safe and responsible user of digital technologies and the internet.
- presented my ideas around the ways that I can be a smart, safe and responsible user of digital

technologies and the internet.

**In general, when using technology to support my learning I will:**

- support the rights of all members of the school community to engage in and promote a safe, inclusive and supportive learning environment.
- educate other students to be safe and responsible users of digital technologies.
- raise others students' awareness of issues such as online privacy, intellectual property and copyright.
- ensure that myself and others are using digital technologies for educational purposes.
- respond to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of others.
- not participate in online activities that are illegal, and understand that any behaviour of this nature may be reported to the police.^
- Only use software and apps that are appropriate for my age, and understand that NBC staff may take action (including deleting of apps/software) if inappropriate material is found on a device.
- support my parents/carers to understand the importance of safe and responsible use of digital technologies, the potential issues that surround their use and strategies that they can implement at home.
- take all measures possible to ensure that any device I use, personal or other, is not stolen and/or damaged. This includes leaving my device lying around on tables, even in locked classrooms.\*
- let security software owned and operated only by Northern Bay P-12 College monitor my device for DET security and network policy enforcement.^
- not use pirated software or a VPN (Virtual Private Network) while at school.

**In addition, when I use my personal mobile devices (including my phone) I agree to be a safe, responsible and ethical user at all times, by:**

- keeping devices on silent during class times; only making or answering calls or messages outside of times, (except when approved as part of a lesson) that have no negative impact towards my learning
- respecting the privacy of others and only taking photos or recording sound or video when others are aware, and formal consent has been provided as part of an approved teaching and learning task
- respecting others and communicating with them in a supportive manner, including outside school hours and in social contexts by not making harassing phone calls/text messages or forwarding on messages
- obtaining appropriate (written) consent from individuals who appear in images or sound and video recordings before forwarding them to other people or posting/uploading them to online spaces.

*\*The College will take no responsibility for personal devices that have been stolen or damaged where*



*a lack of duty of care has been deemed to be taken by the student.  
Campus Principals will determine if a lack of duty of care has been  
taken by the student if theft or damage occurs.*

*^Any student found to have malicious and or damaging software on their device will have network  
connectivity and access disabled. Only after their device has been restored, reset and or updated will  
access be granted once again.*

**I will use this knowledge at school and everywhere I use digital technologies and the internet.**

## Part B: College Owned Technologies

College owned devices and infrastructure relate to any property that has been purchased, donated or leased to the College and is the ownership of Northern Bay P-12 College. This includes but is not limited to:

<b><i>Desktop computers</i></b>	<b><i>A/V Display units</i></b>
<b><i>Laptop computers</i></b>	<b><i>Printers</i></b>
<b><i>Storage equipment</i></b>	<b><i>Computer peripherals</i></b>
<b><i>Digital Technology (ie. robotics, 3D printers, etc.)</i></b>	<b><i>Computer Tablets</i></b>
<b><i>Projectors</i></b>	<b><i>Portable devices</i></b>

Any user found damaging or to have damaged any school owned devices or infrastructure will be responsible for reimbursing the school for any costs associated with the replacement or repair of damages to devices or infrastructure at principal's discretion.

### Ownership

- The school retains ownership of any device being used by students College wide that is deemed property of the NBC fleet.
- Parents/students should be aware that files stored on the device, or on the school's server, are not private.
- If the student leaves NBC, any devices being used by the student that is belonging to the College must returned in an appropriate state. Any device obtained under the College Assisted Purchase Program must be either returned or paid off in full.

### Damage or Loss of Equipment

- All College devices are covered by a manufacturer's warranty. The warranty covers manufacturer's defects and normal use of the device. It does not cover negligence, abuse or malicious damage.
- Any problems, vandalism, damage, loss or theft of the device must be reported immediately to the school.
- Students may be required to replace lost or damaged chargers as per the Principal's discretion.
- In the case of loss or accidental damage, a statement must be signed by a parent and provided to the school.

- In the case of suspected theft, a police report must be made by the family and a copy of the report provided to the school.
- If a device is damaged or lost, the principal or their nominee will determine whether replacement is appropriate and/or whether the student retains access to a device for home use.
- If a device is damaged and the damage is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty or any of the school's insurance arrangements, the principal may determine that the student will pay the costs of repairing the damage or if necessary the costs of replacing the device.

### User Responsibilities

Students are responsible for:

- ensuring that they respect College owned devices and technologies
- backing up their data and files securely, such as using cloud based services
- carrying devices in an appropriate manner at all times when moving between spaces and classes
- adhering to this Acceptable Use Agreement when using the device at all times.

## Part C: 1:1 BYOD Program - Personal Devices

### Ownership

- The device is owned by the parents/student but is made available for use as part of the school learning program.
- Parents/students should be aware that files stored on the device are private but may be publicly accessed as part of learning programs.

### Software and Access

- The school will provide information about standard software programs and applications required for installation on personal devices and will advise when new software or applications need to be purchased.
- Parents are responsible for purchasing and installing new programs on personal devices. Parents are advised to set up a separate family account (not use their own accounts) to manage purchases for their child's device.
- The school will provide access to **some** software and applications, where applicable, through through the Department of Educations licensed software catalogue. (*Provide details e.g. eduStar [www.edustar.vic.edu.au/catalogue/Pages/SoftwareHome.aspx](http://www.edustar.vic.edu.au/catalogue/Pages/SoftwareHome.aspx)*) There may be a cost for this access.

Support **will be** provided for:

- connecting the device to the school network, internet and other digital technologies
- setup and management of school, student email accounts including GAFE (Google Apps for Education) and Compass.
- all school-based software and associated issues with school applications.

Support will **not** generally be provided for the following, unless, an agreement between the student/family and the college is arranged:

- connecting to home networks, the internet, printers, or other devices
- personal email accounts and settings
- software issues
- hardware issues.

### Damage or Loss of Equipment

- Students are solely responsible for the safety and wellbeing of their device at all times throughout the course of a school day.

- Parents are responsible for making sure the device is covered under insurance, if applicable, so that it can be replaced if lost or damaged and student learning is not interrupted.
- The school must be notified if the device is damaged or lost so that a student's learning program is not interrupted whilst being replaced.
- As per the 2016-2018 Digital Learning Integration Strategy, the college will support students in their learning who need access to a device, but may not yet have access to their own.

### User Responsibilities

Students are responsible for:

- bringing portable devices fully-charged to school every day
- ensuring the device has appropriate virus protection
- backing up data securely
- carrying their device in an appropriate protective case at all times
- adhering to this Acceptable Use Agreement when using the machine, both at home and at school, including during lunchtime or when not in the classroom.

### **As the parent or guardian of a Northern Bay P-12 College student, I:**

- have read this Acceptable Use documentation and discussed it with my child.
- understand that technology is provided for learning in keeping with the teaching and learning goals of Northern Bay P-12 College
- recognise it is impossible for the School to restrict access to all controversial materials
- understand that there is a shared responsibility between the School, myself and my child in developing safe and appropriate use.
- understand that children's computer activities at home should be supervised where possible.

**Please ensure you have signed the acknowledgment page to indicate you understand and agree to comply with this agreement.**