

# INTERNET SAFETY AGREEMENT 2021



North Sydney DEM embraces and promotes the responsible use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT). This agreement between North Sydney DEM, parents/carers and students, is designed to share the importance of the responsible use of the Internet, (on devices and applications) and put into place the best possible strategies for ensuring all technology usage is safe and beneficial to students.

Students should understand the Internet is a public place and to stay safe online they need to use it responsibly. This contract is relevant EVERYWHERE students use the Internet (school, home, friend's houses etc).

## STUDENTS AGREE TO ALWAYS:

- keep personal information (including name, phone number and address) to themselves and not share it with anyone on the Internet
- never login using another person's user ID or password
- choose a username or screen name that does not reveal their identity and is not rude or suggestive
- keep passwords secret from everyone, except parents/carers
- not publish/send photos or video clips of themselves or others online without checking with parents/carers first
- not publish/send photos or video clips of teachers or staff members online without permission from the adult/s involved first
- behave courteously towards other people online and always use polite language
- only download things with parents/carers permission and only open attachments in emails from people they know
- tell parents or a trusted adult immediately if they see or receive something on the Internet that is inappropriate or something they do not like
- resist clicking on things online because they look good and do not fill in forms on the Internet asking for personal details or money
- access the Internet at school, only with the teacher's permission for activities and for work set by teachers
- acknowledge where information gathered from Internet sites (used for school work/projects/homework) came from.

## ALSO:

- If it essential to bring a device to school (eg. phone) it is to be kept in the student's school bag, turned off for the duration of the school day.
- Smart watches should not be worn to school. These communication devices cause disruption in classrooms and the playground if used inappropriately.
- The school accepts no responsibility for any personal device that is damaged, lost or stolen
- Inappropriate use of a personal device (eg. phone, iPad, watch etc) during school hours will result in it being confiscated until the end of the school day and parents/carers notified.

Students must understand that if they do not follow the above conditions, they will have their school Internet privileges suspended at the discretion of the School Principal and parents/carers will be notified.

**Student and parents/carers are to sign the General Consent form - indicating that they have read and understood the 2021 Internet Safety Agreement**