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## **Context**

Digital devices and online services are an important part of everyday life, shaping the way children and young people learn, communicate, work and play. Learning environments should support students to develop technological, social and emotional competencies. This support should maximise the benefits and minimise the risks of digital environments, and prepare students for life beyond school.

Student use of digital devices and online services in our community language school is intended to enhance learning, wellbeing and educational attainment. Digital devices and online services can help students develop the skills needed for digital literacy, creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, interpersonal relationships and collaboration.

Digital devices and online services may form part of the reasonable adjustments provided to a student to enable them to participate on the same basis as their peers.

Digital devices and online services may cause harm if used inappropriately, such as to bully or intimidate others or gain access to and share inappropriate content.

We do what it reasonably can to provide safe and secure access to its resources, equipment and infrastructure.

## **Responsibilities and Delegations**

Students' safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services is the shared responsibility of students, parents/guardians and our staff.

### *Students:*

- Use digital devices and online services in safe, responsible and respectful ways, and support their peers to do the same.

### *Parents/Guardians:*

- Recognise the role they play in educating their children and modelling the behaviours that underpin the safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services;
- Support implementation of our procedure, including our approach to resolving issues;
- Take responsibility for their child's use of digital devices and online services at home;
- Communicate with our staff and the school community respectfully and collaboratively.

*Staff/Teachers:*

- Model appropriate use of digital devices and online services in line with this policy;
- Establish strategies and practices consistent with our procedures and deliver learning experiences to encourage appropriate use of digital devices and online services;
- Respond to and report any breaches and incidents of inappropriate use of digital devices and online services as required by our procedures, policy and any statutory and regulatory requirements;
- Support parents/guardians to understand the strategies that can be employed to promote their children's safe, responsible and respectful use of digital devices and online services;
- Participate in professional development related to this policy.

*Non-teaching staff, including volunteers and contracted staff:*

- Be aware of the policy and act in line with the conduct described in it;
- Report any inappropriate use of digital devices and online services to the Principal/CEO.