



PRAIRIEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

DIGITAL DEVICES & ONLINE SERVICES POLICY

To be read in conjunction with: [NSW DoE Digital Devices and Online Services Policy](#) , [DoE Communication Devices and Associated Services Policy](#), PHS Acceptable Use of Technology & BYOD Student Agreement and PHS Mobile Phone Policy.

RATIONALE: PrairieWood High School is committed to uphold the NSW Department of Education policy on Digital Devices and Online Services. We recognise the direct relationship between the use of innovative technology and the achievement of positive student learning outcomes. PrairieWood High School supports equity and access to innovative technology to support student learning.

PHS has a responsibility to:

- Provide clear information to students and parents regarding digital device and online services policy requirements and consequences of student technology misuse
- Meet legal and professional responsibilities in maintaining and monitoring use of technology in schools
- Provide high quality educational experiences using a range of technology tools supported by the Department of Education
- Provide as part of the schools Anti-Bullying strategy, explicit teaching and learning in digital citizenship
- Effectively manage technology and online safety misuse and abuse in line with the school's Student Wellbeing Policy and the Department's Suspension & Expulsion policy and Child Protection policies
- Provide access to a range of technology devices to support student learning

Students have a responsibility to:

- Follow the safe, responsible and respectful descriptors within the Acceptable Use of Technology and BYOD Student Agreement
- Take responsibility for technology and online use, including:
 - Not harassing or bullying other students, school staff or anyone. This includes cyberbullying using a digital device or online service
 - Not sending or sharing messages or content that could cause harm, including things that might be: inappropriate, offensive or abusive; upsetting or embarrassing to another person/group
- Provide immediate notification to a teacher or other responsible adult know immediately if you find anything online that is suspicious, harmful, inappropriate or makes you uncomfortable

Parent/caregivers have a responsibility to:

- Ensure that their child displays appropriate online behaviours and follows the Department's [Student Use of Digital Devices and Online Services Policy](#) and the school's Acceptable Use of Technology & BYOD Student Agreement
- Read and be aware of the [legal issues bulletin relating to the misuse of technology in schools](#)
- Work in partnership with the school to plan and implement strategies to support Technology & BYOD practices. This includes communicating with the school if they are aware of issues impacting on their child's education and/or wellbeing

IMPLEMENTATION: The policy will be implemented as part of the wider Teaching and Learning and Wellbeing framework and is dependent on school community members collaborating.

EVALUATION: Ongoing evaluation of this policy is one of the responsibilities of the Head Teacher Student Engagement. Evaluation of the procedures to be reviewed at an executive and/or staff meeting bi-annually.

Prepared by: Senior Executive in collaboration with the PHS Executive.

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