



Learning for Life

East Adelaide School



Government
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Department for Education

Cyber Safety Policy

For Parents and Caregivers

School Vision

East Adelaide school inspires a dynamic community that is caring, curious and courageous.

Rationale

Staff at East Adelaide School are committed to providing a safe, rigorous, inclusive and supportive environment where provision is made for discovery, challenge and choice. A community of learners is encouraged to participate in democratic decision making, positive relationships and safe use of Information Communication technologies.

The measures to ensure the cyber safety of East Adelaide School (EAS) are based upon our core values of Respect, Responsibility, Relationships and Resilience. Staff aim to enhance learning through the safe use of Information Communication Technologies (ICTs)

School Programs/ Practices

Child Protection Curriculum

Child protection education and cyber-safety practices are in place, whereby staff and learners are involved in discussions regarding the safe and responsible use of the school ICT facilities and resources. The purpose of these guidelines is to ensure that learning remains engaging, productive and safe. The Keeping Safe Child Protection Curriculum is a child safety program for children from the age of 3 up to Year 12. It is mandated in all public schools and is taught every year by teachers. Teaching children and students about e-safety helps them to positively and safely engage with the online world. Common online safety issues focused upon include online bullying (cyberbullying), accessing or sharing inappropriate content and protecting personal information.

Information Communication Technologies User Agreement

EAS has a student / parent caregiver ICT agreement. This agreement provides families with information about the correct use of ICT devices. Both student and parents must sign the agreement in order for children to have access to the internet and devices.

Important Terms:

Cyber- safety refers to the safe use of the internet and digital technologies including mobile phones.

Cyber- bullying is bullying which uses e-technology as a means of victimising others. It is the use of an internet service or mobile technologies – such as email, chat rooms, discussion groups, instant messaging, webpages, social media or SMS (text messaging) – with the intention of physically or mentally harming another person.

School ICT refers to the school's computer network, internet access facilities, computers, and other digital devices as outlined below.

ICT equipment/ devices or digital devices include computers (such as desktops, laptops, iPads, tablets) storage devices (such as USB, and memory devices, online storage- one drive, Teams, CDs, DVDs,) all types of mobile phones,

cameras, (such as video and digital cameras and webcams) gaming consoles, video and audio players (such as portable CD and DVD players) smart watches and any other similar technologies.

Inappropriate material means material that deals with matter such as sex/sexual acts, full and partial nudity, cruelty or violence in a manner that is likely to be injurious or incompatible with a school/ preschool environment.

E-crime occurs when computers or other electronic communication equipment/ devices (e.g. internet, mobile phones) are used to commit an offence, are targeted in an offence, or act as storage devices in an offence.

Digital Citizens refers to people utilising ICT/digital devices regularly and effectively in order to participate online.

Digital Citizenship refers to appropriate and responsible technology use.

School Responsibilities

EAS has a Behaviour Procedure which outlines minor, moderate and serious behaviours with possible consequences. Cyber misuse/crime is outlined as a serious behaviour. EAS will follow the behaviour procedure and also use restorative practice.

Parent / Caregivers Responsibilities

Parents/caregivers will read and discuss the school ICT User Agreement with their child. Any communication from parents to students during school hours must be done via the front office or the class' electronic platform (Seesaw, emails). As outlined in the ICT User Agreement, students must hand in their mobile phones / smart phones (smart watches) to their classroom teacher whilst on school grounds.

It is important for parents to understand their role in teaching their children how to become responsible digital citizens and to partner with the School in adhering to our expectations.

What to do if your child is subject to online bullying or Cyber crime

The following are steps we ask parents/caregivers to take if they suspect their child is being bullied or their safety is being compromised through electronic media, such as the internet (examples: Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, Twitter) a mobile phone, text messaging or through any form of electronic communication device. It is a requirement of parents/caregivers to inform the school of incidents involving students from EAS. First, contact the principal or a member of the leadership team. Matters will be dealt with urgency and confidentiality. If you suspect there is a cyber safety incident outside of school contact:

- SAPOL – South Australian Police at your local station or call 131 444 <http://www.sapol.sa.gov.au>

Families and students are also able to access support through:

- Kids Helpline <http://www.kidshelpline.com.au>
- E safety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>
- Bullying No Way <https://bullyingnoway.gov.au>
- Beyond Blue <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/who-does-it-affect/young-people/>
- Think U Know <https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/>

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