



## IPad Expectations in Year 5 & 6

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017

Dear parents & carers of Year 5 & 6 students,

We are committed to safe and respectful technology use at our school and know that you support this approach in the best interest of your child and others. Appropriate use of iPads by all of our students at ALL TIMES is expected, including outside of school hours. The partnership we establish now in educating our children and monitoring IPAD use is critical in establishing safe practice by them.

We know that any form of technology in the classroom is going to present ongoing challenges in terms of social media and how we monitor this. The 'instantaneous' world we are living in means material is uploaded quicker than the eye can see, including in classrooms. We need to attempt to be as diligent as possible in monitoring and protecting our students from the cyber pitfalls.

Previous years have seen a number of students using Snapchat and Instagram in the classroom to post photos of themselves or others in school uniforms, sometimes without permission or knowledge of the recipient. The app 'Musically' has been used to capture individuals and groups in uniform, miming to songs which are then posted. Photos have been taken and shared frequently and unfortunately, we have been notified by parents that at times, explicit language and inappropriate material (adult themes included) has been shared. This has sometimes taken place at home.

Whilst we do not have direct responsibility of what happens at home under your supervision, the material and language that is shared more often than not directly involves or impacts students in our school community, which then becomes our shared responsibility to address with you. As stated in the iPad information booklet, any apps downloaded at home must be suitable for a school environment. All content must be licensed and G rated. If you do find concerning material being shared, please notify your child's classroom teacher for follow up.

We are never going to be able to keep on top of every challenge social media and the Cyber world presents, however through strong education (with parents and students), clear communication and rigorous processes and procedures, I believe we can further develop our iPad program to assist in eliminating these concerns.

As a result, our student agreement includes clear consequences for misuse of the iPad. This includes instant banning, restriction or removal of the iPad, depending on the behaviour demonstrated. You would be aware that the hardest part of monitoring iPads is in not knowing what is being used on them. Access to your child's iPad (password) should be a normal process within your home so you are able to stay abreast of the above concerns. We feel that it is also necessary for relevant staff to be able to access the iPads (passwords) when at school so that we can work to eliminate and deter this behaviour from occurring.

Our IPAD student agreement (which has been attached) has been presented and discussed with all Year 5 & 6 students this week. I am requesting you to read agreement and support our partnership in the program by discussing this with your child and jointly signing the form which permits staff to check iPads routinely with your child present. Could this agreement please be returned **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February**, or soon after. If the agreement is not returned, your child's teacher will communicate with you further.

Kind regards  
Leanne Tingwell  
Principal



### 2017 Grade 5 & 6 Student iPad Agreement

Each student in Grade 5 & 6 will be issued with an iPad licence with 10 points. If children do not respect the iPad agreement, by breaking the rules set out below, they will receive a demerit point. Once 10 points have been lost, students will be unable to use their iPad until a meeting with teachers, parents and the student is held. Students not respecting their iPads will move on the Steps to Learning wall and will have the iPad taken for the day.

<b>ACCUMALATIVE Ipad Consequences</b>	
<b>iPad Rules</b>	<b>iPad Rules (demerit point for breaking these rules)</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iPads should be placed in the filing cabinet first thing every morning</li> <li>iPads should have a passcode, which must NOT be shared</li> <li>when a teacher is giving instructions, iPads should be turned away from students or the cover should be closed</li> <li>iPads should not be taken outside during other recess or lunch breaks. iPads are not to be used during recess or lunch when a wet day or hot day timetable is called.</li> <li>monitors in each grade will oversee collection and filing of iPads at each break, so be sure to respect them</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>leaving iPads on the floor</li> <li>using another student's iPad without permission</li> <li>carrying iPads carelessly e.g. by the cover</li> <li>playing games or music</li> <li>taking photos of other students without permission</li> <li>using AirDrop unless directed by the teacher</li> <li>taking iPads or headphones out of bags on the way home from school</li> <li>taking iPads to Sports Skills or Interschool Sport</li> <li>accessing an unsuitable website or using an incorrect app in a session</li> </ul>
<b>Other School Issues</b>	<b>THINGS THAT NEED TO BE DONE AT HOME</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>if requested, iPads will be taken to specialist lessons and these rules will also apply</li> <li>if attending After School Care, iPads will be placed in the iPad basket straight away</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>make sure your iPad is fully charged every night</li> <li>iPads must have a protective cover</li> <li>make sure media held on the iPad does not contain explicit language or inappropriate themes or content</li> <li>any new apps should be purchased at home NOT school</li> </ul>
<b>INSTANT Ipad Consequences – Ipad will be banned or restricted immediately at the discretion of staff</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of Snapchat, Instagram, Musically or any other social media without explicit instruction from teachers in class or schoolground</li> <li>Taking photos of students in classrooms or school ground without explicit request from teachers</li> <li>Explicit language or visual material used or referenced on I pads (<b>this could include material shared outside of school hours that impacts on students in the school</b>)</li> <li>'Put Downs' or material used to hurt another child on I pads (this could include material shared outside of school hours that impacts on students in the school)</li> </ul>	

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I agree to my child's Ipad being monitored by teachers to ensure ICT behaviours are safely managed. This process will include:

- Access to my child's Ipad password (Students' will login themselves)
- Frequent Ipad checking by classroom teachers with your child present navigating
- Notification to parents immediately of any material found that is inappropriate or of concern

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_