

Dear Parents,

St Joseph's School is a Catholic school in the Josephite tradition. It draws inspiration from the Gospels and the example of St Joseph. The Digital Citizenship Policy aims to educate students about choices and behaviour in an online world and in their use of technology based around the core values of truth, freedom and justice.

#### **TRUTH**

Each individual is unique and the School seeks to affirm the online experience of each person as they seek the truth. Truth underpins how one lives and engages in an online world. Digital citizens advocate and practise safe, legal and responsible use of digital technologies. At all times, digital citizens respect themselves and others when online.

### **FREEDOM**

As individuals, we must take full responsibility for our actions. When online we should ensure that online content is not defamatory, abusive, vilifies, harasses or discriminates members of the School or wider community. Digital citizens exhibit a positive attitude towards using technology that supports collaboration, learning and productivity. They demonstrate personal responsibility for lifelong learning in an online world.

### **JUSTICE**

Justice is about equality; equal worth of an individual, equal voice, equal opportunity and liberty. Digital citizens acknowledge these rights. They exhibit a positive attitude towards using technology that supports online collaboration and learning. Digital citizens actively promote and model digital etiquette and responsible social interactions related to the use of technology and online activity.

Peter Shearer	
Principal	

### Looking after me online

- ✓ I will only go on the computer when I have permission.
- ✓ I will only go to web pages I am allowed to go to.
- ✓ I will only share pictures, stories or personal information about myself online when my teacher or parent tells me it is alright to do so.
- ✓ I will talk to my parents and teacher about all of my online friends.
- ✓ I will tell my teacher or parents if anyone is unkind to me on online.
- ✓ I will keep my passwords private. I will not tell anyone, except my parents or teacher what my passwords are.
- ✓ I will pay attention to my 'early warning' signs and if they are making me feel uncomfortable, I will know that it is the right time to speak to an adult.

# Looking after others online

- ✓ I will respect others by only saying appropriate things about people online.
- ✓ I will ask before I share a picture or story about a person online.
- ✓ I will ask before I share details about another person's web content with others.
- ✓ I will only share details about websites that are appropriate, and tell an adult I trust if anyone shares information about websites that seem inappropriate.

## **Looking after property**

- ✓ I will not download movies, games, music or apps at school, and I will not bring these to school on my device or USB unless a teacher tells me to do so.
- ✓ I will treat computer equipment with respect. If I do anything that breaks a piece of equipment, I will tell my teacher or parent straight away.
- ✓ I will not change any settings on my computer unless a teacher tells me to.

I have read this with my parents. I understand that if I do not follow these guidelines I will not be able to use the School's ICT equipment for a period of time as set by the Principal.

Class: Child's name (	print)
Parent signature:	Child's signature:

More information about responsible digital citizenship can be found on the website of the 'eSafety Commissioner' at <a href="www.esafety.gov.au">www.esafety.gov.au</a>