CYBERSAFETY POLICY

Guidelines

1. Safe practices in the use of the internet are an expectation for all students and staff. The internet is to be used to implement teaching and learning programmes across the school. Netsafe provide guidelines in implementing safe useage. The enrolment form for all new students outlines the expectation of Cybersafety in the learning environment.

2. Students will be supervised while using school facilities; the degree and type of that supervision may vary, dependent on the type of technology concerned, where the equipment is physically situated and whether or not the activity is occurring in the classroom.

3. All staff must sign a Cybersafety Use Agreement which includes details of their professional responsibilities and the limits to their own use of the Internet. Cybersafety procedures are discussed at Syndicate and Staff meetings at the beginning of each year along with the signing of Use agreements.

4. Educational material on Cybersafety will be provided by management to staff and students, and to parents/caregivers. As well, additional safety education will be delivered, where relevant, through teaching programmes.

5. Professional Development for staff will be made available.

6. The school will provide an effective electronic security system, which is financially practicable. The school will continue to refine methods to improve Cybersafety.

7. The Board supports the right of the school to check communication technology-related work or data of staff or students at any time, and to carry out a comprehensive investigation of any breaches of the school's Cybersafety guidelines. Such breaches will be taken seriously and be dealt with through the school's disciplinary and support systems. In such incidents, there will be special attention paid to the need for specific procedures as regards the gathering of evidence. If illegal material or activities are suspected, the matter will be reported to the Police or the Department of Internal Affairs Censorship Compliance.

8. The school will consult with the wider school community and provide opportunities to learn about Cybersafety issues e.g. through Parent Information Evenings.