



# Woodside Primary School

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## Cyber-safety Use Agreement (Lower Primary) for Woodside Primary Students

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The measures to ensure the cyber-safety of Woodside Primary School are based on our core values. To assist us to enhance learning through the safe use of information and communication technologies (ICTs), we are now asking you to read this document carefully, and discuss with your child and sign and return the attached Use Agreement Form.

Rigorous cyber-safety practices are in place, which include cyber-safety Use Agreements for staff and students, who have been involved in the development of the agreement. Child protection education, such as the Keeping Safe child protection curriculum, includes information about remaining safe when using new technologies and is provided to all students.

The computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programs at [Every School], and to the effective operation of the school. The ICT equipment is for educational purposes appropriate to this environment, whether it is owned or leased either partially or wholly by the school, and used on or off the site.

The overall goal of Woodside Primary School is to create and maintain a cyber-safety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations. The Use Agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cyber-safety breaches that undermine the safety of the school environment.

All students will be issued with a Use Agreement and once signed consent has been returned to school, students will be able to use the school ICT equipment.

Material sent and received using the network may be monitored and filtering and/or monitoring software may be used to restrict access to certain sites and data, including e-mail. Where a student is suspected of an electronic crime, this will be reported to the South Australia Police. Where a personal electronic device such as a mobile phone is used to capture images of a crime, such as an assault, the device will be confiscated and handed to the police.

While every reasonable effort is made by schools and DECS administrators to prevent children's exposure to inappropriate content when using the department's online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. In particular, DECS cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home, from other locations away from school or on mobile devices owned by your child. DECS recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.

More information about Internet filtering can be found on the websites of the Australian Communications and Media Authority at <http://www.acma.gov.au>, NetAlert at <http://www.netalert.gov.au>, the Kids Helpline at <http://www.kidshelp.com.au> and Bullying No Way at <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>.

Please contact the principal, if you have any concerns about your child's safety in using the Internet and ICT equipment/devices.

### Important terms:

**'Cyber-safety'** refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, 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 e-mail, chat room discussion groups, instant messaging, webpages or SMS (text messaging) - with the intention of harming another person.

**'School and preschool ICT'** refers to the school's or preschool's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers, and other ICT equipment/devices as outlined below.

**'ICT equipment/devices'** includes computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video and digital cameras and webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), and any other, similar, technologies.

**'Inappropriate material'** means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty or violence in a manner that is likely to be injurious to children or incompatible with a school or preschool environment.

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



## Strategies to help keep Woodside Primary School Students Cyber-safe

Parents/caregivers play a critical role in developing knowledge, understanding and ethics around their child's safety and safe practices regardless of the time of day. Being cyber-safe is no exception and we invite you to discuss with your child the following strategies to help us stay safe when using ICT at school and after formal school hours.

1. I will use school ICT equipment only when my parents/caregivers have signed my Use Agreement form and the completed form has been returned to school.
2. I will use the computers, internet and other ICT equipment only for my learning and only with my teacher's permission.
3. *I will go online or use the Internet at school only when a teacher gives permission and an adult is present. **Internet access is not available in the Library before school or at lunchtime.***
4. If there is something I'm not sure about, I will ask my teacher.
5. I will use the Internet, e-mail, mobile phones and any other ICT equipment only for positive purposes. Therefore, I will not be mean or rude or unkind to or about other people, bully or harass others. I will not attempt to search for things online that I know are not acceptable at school.
6. If I have a private password and log on I will keep it private.
7. If I find anything that upsets me, is mean or rude, or that I know is not acceptable at our school I will:
  - a. not show others
  - b. turn off the screen
  - c. get a teacher straight away or
  - d. report to the ICT manager
8. Only with written permission from home and the school will I bring any ICT equipment/devices to school. This includes things like mobile phones, iPods, games, cameras, and USB/portable drives.
9. I will not put any personal information online. Personal identifying information includes any of the following:
  - a. my full name
  - b. my address
  - c. my e-mail address
  - d. my phone numbers
  - e. photos of me and/or people close to me.
10. I will be careful and will look after all our school ICT equipment by:
  - a. not being silly and playing around with it
  - b. following our school cyber-safety strategies
  - c. telling a teacher about anything wrong or damaged.
  - d. not intentionally disrupting the smooth running of the ICT system.
11. I understand that I must not download or copy any files such as music, videos, games or programmes without the permission of a teacher. This is to ensure I follow copyright laws. I will acknowledge my source if I am allowed to use material from the internet.
12. If I'm not cyber-safe, the school may need to tell my parents/caregivers and there may be consequences associated with my behaviour



## Cyber-safety Use Agreement Form for Woodside Primary School Students

**To the parent/caregiver/legal guardian:**

**Please read this page carefully to check that you understand your responsibilities under this agreement.**

**Return the signed Use Agreement to the school.**

**I understand that Woodside Primary School will:**

- do its best to enhance learning through the safe use of ICTs. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, illegal or harmful material on the Internet or on ICT equipment/devices at school or at school-related activities
- work with children and their families to encourage and develop an understanding of the importance of cyber-safety through education designed to complement and support the Use Agreement initiative. This includes providing children with strategies to keep themselves safe in a connected online world
- respond to any breaches in an appropriate manner
- welcome enquiries at any time from parents/caregivers/legal guardians or children about cyber-safety issues.

**My responsibilities include:**

- discussing the information about cyber-safety with my child and explaining why it is important
- supporting the school's cyber-safety program by emphasising to my child the need to follow the cyber-safety strategies
- contacting the principal or nominee to discuss any questions I may have about cyber-safety and/or this Use Agreement.

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### CYBER-SAFETY USE AGREEMENT

I have read and understood this Cyber-safety Use Agreement with my child and I am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cyber-safe learning environment. I give permission for my child to access the internet and use the school ICT resources in accordance with this User Agreement.

Name of child..... Room No.....

Name of parent/caregiver/legal guardian.....

Signature of parent/caregiver/legal guardian..... Date.....

I agree to act responsibly and use the school's ICT resources in accordance with this user agreement.

Name of child ..... Student signature .....

**Please note: This agreement will remain in force as long as your child is enrolled at this school.  
If it becomes necessary to add/amend any information or rule, you will be advised in writing.**

**PLEASE RETURN THIS SECTION TO SCHOOL AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR OWN REFERENCE.**