



ONLINE SAFETY Policy

Approved by the School Board 10 May 2021

Rationale: Cambridge Middle School is committed to creating a safe online learning environment aligned to the school's core values, and to the development of our students into capable digital citizens. The school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) are for educational purposes. This also applies to the use of privately owned devices on the school campus. This policy complies with recommendations of *NetSafe – The Internet Safety Group Incorporated – 2021*.

- Principles:**
- (a) The School Board recognises its obligations under the National Administration Guidelines (NAG 5) extend to use of the internet and related technologies.
 - (b) The school seeks to foster a culture of successful digital citizenship in our students, staff and our wider community. We encourage everyone to take responsibility for themselves and others in their use of digital technology and online environments.
 - (c) The school has rigorous Online Safety practices in place, which include Online Safety Use Agreements for all school staff and students.
 - (d) The school monitors, filters and audits traffic and material sent and received using the school's ICT network.
 - (e) The school supports providing both the opportunities and challenges presented by technology in a safe, secure and nurturing environment where clear, effective guidance can be sought.

Policy Statement: The School Board is committed to support the development of an online safety culture for students and staff and endorses the development of appropriate processes and procedures to enable such a culture to flourish.

Key Responsibilities: The Principal and the School Leadership Team have responsibility for the implementation of this policy and will oversee a process for the development of guidelines for online safety at the school.

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Related Information:

1. Online Safety Guidelines
2. Computer Usage for Staff Guidelines