

Digital Learning Policy

(Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices)



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school on 9393 5800

Purpose |

To ensure that all students and members of our school community understand:

- (a) our commitment to providing students with the opportunity to benefit from digital technologies to support and enhance learning and development at school including our BYOD Notebook Program
- (b) expected student behaviour when using digital technologies including the internet, social media, and digital devices (including computers, laptops, tablets)
- (c) the school's commitment to promoting safe, responsible and discerning use of digital technologies, and educating students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing that they may encounter when using the internet and digital technologies
- (d) our school's policies and procedures for responding to inappropriate student behaviour on digital technologies and the internet

Scope |

This policy applies to all students at Bayside P-12 College.

Definitions |

For the purpose of this policy, “digital technologies” are defined as being any networks, systems, software or hardware including electronic devices and applications which allow a user to access, receive, view, record, store, communicate, copy or send any information such as text, images, audio, or video.

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Vision for digital technology at our school

Bayside P-12 College understands that safe and appropriate use of digital technologies including the internet, apps, computers and tablets provide students with rich opportunities to support learning and development in a range of ways.

Through increased access to digital technologies, students can benefit from enhanced learning that is interactive, collaborative, personalised and engaging. Digital technologies enable our students to interact with and create high quality content, resources and tools. It also enables personalised learning tailored to students' particular needs and interests and transforms assessment, reporting and feedback, driving new forms of collaboration and communication.

Bayside P-12 College believes that the use of digital technologies at school allows the development of valuable skills and knowledge and prepares students to thrive in our globalised and inter-connected world.



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Our school's vision is to empower students to use digital technologies safely and appropriately to reach their personal best and fully equip them to contribute positively to society as happy, healthy young adults.

Yr 7 to Yr 12 Netbook Program at Bayside P-12 College |

The students are expected to purchase the designated Notebook for use as part of their learning program. This means that there will be a cost at the start of (year 7) and new students to the school, however in subsequent years there will be no notebook cost until the suggested updated purchase date at year 10.

Our school operates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program, which means students are expected to bring their fully charged netbook to school on a daily basis. Bayside P-12 College has a special arrangement with Learning with Technologies for the purchase of netbooks for Bayside P-12 College students. Learning with Technologies are our only school approved supplier. Notebooks from any other source may not be supported by the school network.

While Notebooks come with a manufacturer's warranty, the school strongly recommends that families insure for accidental damage and theft. There are four levels of insurance available at time of purchase that will cover the Notebook for three years.

WARRANTY Lenovo 11e Netbook 5th Gen - 11.6"	WARRANTY Lenovo 11e Yoga 5th Gen - 11.6" Celeron Touch Convertible Laptop	WARRANTY Lenovo 11e Yoga 5th Gen - 11.6" Core m3 Touch Convertible Laptop
3 Year Onsite Warranty (On by default) - 1 Year on Battery (\$98.00)	3 Year Onsite Warranty (On by default) - 1 Year on Battery (\$98.00)	3 Year Onsite Warranty (On by default) - 1 Year on Battery (\$98.00)
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Students, parents and carers who would like more information or assistance regarding our BYOD program are encouraged to contact Cliff Jennings 9397 1377.

Safe and appropriate use of digital technologies |

Digital technology, if not used appropriately, may present risks to users' safety or wellbeing. At Bayside P-12 College, we are committed to educating all students to be safe, responsible and discerning in the use of digital technologies, equipping them with skills and knowledge to navigate the digital age.

At Bayside P-12 College, we:

- use online sites and digital tools that support students' learning, and focus our use of digital technologies on being learning-centred
- restrict the use of digital technologies in the classroom to specific uses with targeted educational or developmental aims



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- supervise and support students using digital technologies in the classroom
- effectively and responsively address any issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students
- educate our students about digital issues such as online privacy, copyright, and the importance of maintaining their own privacy online
- actively educate and remind students of our Student Engagement policy that outlines our School's values and expected student behaviour, including online behaviours
- have an Acceptable Use Agreement outlining the expectations of students when using digital technology at school
- use clear protocols and procedures to protect students working in online spaces, which includes reviewing the safety and appropriateness of online tools and communities, removing offensive content at the earliest opportunity
- educate our students on appropriate responses to any dangers or threats to wellbeing that they may encounter when using the internet and other digital technologies
- provide a filtered internet service to block access to inappropriate content
- refer suspected illegal online acts to the relevant law enforcement authority for investigation
- support parents and carers to understand safe and responsible use of digital technologies and the strategies that can be implemented at home through regular updates in our newsletter and annual information sheets.

Distribution of school owned devices to students for personal student use of digital technologies at school will only be permitted where students and their parents/carers have completed a signed Acceptable Use Agreement.

It is the responsibility of all students to protect their own password and not divulge it to another person. If a student or staff member knows or suspects an account has been used by another person, the account holder must notify the classroom teacher and campus based technician immediately.

All messages created, sent or retrieved on the school's network are the property of the school. The school reserves the right to access and monitor all messages and files on the computer system, as necessary and appropriate. Communications including text and images may be required to be disclosed to law enforcement and other third parties without the consent of the sender.

Student behavioural expectations |

When using digital technologies, students are expected to behave in a way that is consistent with Bayside P-12 College's [Statement of Values](#), [Student Wellbeing and Engagement policy](#), and [Bullying Prevention policy](#).

When a student acts in breach of the behaviour standards of our school community (including cyberbullying, using digital technologies to harass, threaten or intimidate, or viewing/posting/sharing of inappropriate or unlawful content), Bayside P-12 College will institute a staged response, consistent with our policies and the Department's Student Engagement and Inclusion Guidelines.

Breaches of this policy by students can result in a number of consequences which will depend on the severity of the breach and the context of the situation. This includes:

- removal of network access privileges
- removal of email privileges
- removal of internet access privileges



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- removal of printing privileges
- other consequences as outlined in the school's [Student Wellbeing and Engagement](#) and [Bullying Prevention](#) policies.

Approval |

Consultation | College Council & Student Representative Group

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