

# Device & Internet Usage Consent Form For Years 1&2



# Document

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## General

This Policy covers the general use of computers, mobile phones, 'smart' devices and the use of the internet at Northern Christian School.

## Internet Usage

### The Internet

The Northern internet connection is filtered by software that blocks most undesirable sites. However, access to undesirable sites is possible and prevention of access to undesirable sites cannot be guaranteed. Internet access including the content of emails, social media and searches is monitored for activity that is potentially harmful to our students. Northern has adopted the approach that students should be taught to use the internet wisely, developing a sense of social responsibility and ethical standards. As a result, it is important that the following guidelines be adhered to for the good and wellbeing of all.

### Appropriate Internet Use

- The internet is to be accessed for research on specific school related tasks. Students should be able to clearly state the reason for accessing the internet prior to doing so.
- Internet access is to be under the direct supervision of a staff member (e.g. classroom teacher or support teacher).
- All students will learn how to use email. Offensive emails should be immediately reported to the class teacher. Students should not use offensive or use indecent language in emails or other communications. The school reserves the right to view email and other messages or posts.
- Students should not disclose personal information such as their telephone number or home address on the internet. Posting photos that identify where a student lives or goes to school is also not recommended.
- Playing games over the internet is not allowed unless the game has relevance to the curriculum and a teacher has given approval.
- The downloading of video and sound files is not permitted unless authorised by a teacher for classroom purposes.
- Inappropriate sites (e.g. those containing material of an offensive nature such as pornography, other materials that are racist, sexist, anti-social or materials that deal with and encourage activities such as illegal drug use, bomb making, computer fraud or computer hacking) are not to be accessed and inappropriate files are not to be downloaded. If a student accidentally comes across an inappropriate site, then they should select the back button and inform the teacher of the error.

### Copyright and Other Legal Issues

Almost all information found on the internet (including text, sound, graphics and page layouts) is protected by copyright laws. It is allowable to copy and use a section of text, a picture or data provided that it is fully acknowledged by giving the reference.

### Inappropriate Internet Use

Inappropriate internet use or failure to follow the above guidelines may lead to the student losing their internet access. The school has the ability to view a history of sites and services that have been visited by users.

## Mobile Phone and Smart Device Usage

Students with mobile phones are to hand them in to their teacher before the commencement of the school day and collect them at the end of the school day. iPads and phones are not to be used before school once students are on the school grounds. After school, phones are only to be used for communicating with parents and carers.

Students who have smart watches must have them on 'Airplane' mode. The use of smart watches is the same as for mobile phones:

- when using a mobile device, courtesy, consideration of and respect for others are always paramount.
- mobile devices are brought and kept at school entirely at their owner's risk.
- any student who is feeling unwell at school and needs to go home must arrange this through their teacher and the office staff.
- students who need to call their parents/carers during the day on urgent matters need to report to the teacher and admin staff for assistance.
- students are not permitted to have their mobile phones on an excursion or at camp.
- parents and carers needing to contact students during school hours must call the office staff who will deliver the messages to the students.

## Device & Internet Usage For Education Consent Form

Students who would like access to the Internet and devices at Northern must complete this form and return it to [admin@northern.tas.edu.au](mailto:admin@northern.tas.edu.au) or print and return the form to the school office.

For students to be able to access the Internet, iPads and computing devices at school, they must complete this form and return it to their teacher or the school office. The agreement shall remain in effect for the current calendar year and will be revisited annually.

# Parent/Carer Consent

- I give permission for my child to receive access to the Internet for educational online learning resources as determined by the school.
- I understand that, although the school has taken extensive precautions to ensure that inappropriate material is not accessed through the Internet, it is not possible to completely eliminate potential exposure to such materials entirely.

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Student User Agreement

- I will only use electronic devices in the way that my teacher tells me to.
- I know that if I do not use the device properly it will be taken from me for a period of time.
- I know that the Teacher is in charge of all the devices in our classroom and they decide what is appropriate.
- I will take care to look after all devices and equipment.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

- I agree to abide by the Northern Device and Internet Usage Policy



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