

E Smart Policy

Rationale

Weeden Heights Primary School (WHPS) recognises the importance of Information and Communications Technologies (ICT) in preparing students for the world around them. WHPS acknowledges that the effective and safe use of technology relies upon the development of responsible cyber citizenship, and is committed to being an eSmart school. WHPS believe that explicitly teaching students about safe and responsible online behaviours is essential, and is best taught in partnership with parents/guardians.

1. Guidelines

- 1.1 WHPS is committed to achieving eSmart accreditation by meeting all criteria as outlined in the eSmart System Tool.

2. Implementation

- 2.1 Students, parents/guardians and teachers will be required to sign the Student Essential Learning Agreement before students are permitted to access the school network, internet and ICT resources. These will be issued annually
- 2.2 A copy of the Student Essential Learning Agreement will be displayed in all classrooms
The school community will be provided with education regarding cybercast on a regular basis
- 2.3 WHPS will supervise students when using digital technologies for educational purposes and provide a filtered internet service, whilst acknowledging that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed
- 2.4 Cyber safety will be regularly promoted to the school community through school newsletters, presentations at assembly and information sessions
- 2.5 Parents/guardians will be notified and expected to meet with relevant school staff if their child is involved in any incidents of cyberbullying.

3. Evaluation

- 3.1 The Education Sub Committee and Weeden Heights staff will review the effectiveness of the school's E-Smart Policy on a cyclical basis in accordance with DET guidelines.