



Acceptable Use Agreement - Digital Devices

For Parents/Carers

The Internet at Newport School

The internet provides an opportunity to enhance students' learning experiences by providing access to vast amounts of information across the globe. Online communication links students to provide a collaborative learning environment and is intended to assist with learning outcomes. Students using the Internet and online communication must abide by the Department's conditions of acceptable usage and conduct themselves in a responsible manner. The Department of Education monitors and endeavours to block access to unsuitable materials, however unsolicited information may still be accessible.

As part of the contract for Internet and online usage, the students have completed a series of lessons about positive online behaviour, peer and personal safety and e-security.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches at Newport School

Newport Public School accepts that parents give their children mobile phones to protect them from everyday risks involving personal security and safety. It is acknowledged that providing a child with a mobile phone gives parents reassurance that they can speak with their child to make any necessary arrangements before or after the school day. There are, however, issues associated with mobile phones and smart watches at school. These include security, interruptions to school operations and student perceptions of equity and privacy. Our core business of teaching and learning needs to be conducted in an environment free from unnecessary distractions or disruptions.

In general, students should not bring valuable items such as mobile phones or smart watches to school.

During school hours, parents and carers are expected to contact their child/ren via the school office.

Students using school devices, accessing the Internet and email, and students who choose to bring mobile phones and/or smart watches to school are required to agree to and follow this Acceptable Use Agreement.

Natalie Baldi
Principal

Note: Please read the agreement on the following page with your child/children considering his/her age and stage, and both sign it.

Students are to return the signed section to their class teacher.



Responsibility:

The Internet

Students will:

1. use the school Internet and email accounts with teacher supervision and for educational learning only.
2. acknowledge the source of work they copy from the Internet.
3. tell the teacher immediately if they come across any information that makes them feel uncomfortable.
4. know that usage on the Internet and online communication can be traced.

Students will not:

5. change any setting on the computer unless instructed by the teacher and will take care of all technology in the school.
6. let others use their DET e-learning account.
7. share their password details with others.

Mobile Phones and Smart Watches

Students:

1. bring mobile phones or smart watches to school at their own risk.
2. will turn off their mobile phones and/or smart watches, store the devices in their school bag and not use them during the school day, including during break times in the playground, at sport or at any other teacher supervised event.
3. will not take their mobile phones and/or smart watches on school excursions.

If a student needs to make a telephone call during the day, they must ask permission from the class teacher.

Please Note: Use of digital devices is permitted if a student requires a digital device or online service for medical reasons.

Newport Public School accepts no responsibility for the security, loss of, damage to, or for maintenance or repair required for a student's mobile phone or smart watch.

Inappropriate Student Use of the Internet, School Devices, Mobile Phone and/or Smart Watch

1. Any action that violates Newport School's Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Mobile Digital Devices including School Devices or public law.
2. Using Newport Public School's web filter to access restricted Internet sites at school.
3. Using their mobile phones and/or smart watches to access messaging services, social media, take photos and record whilst under the supervision of Newport Public School.
4. Giving out personal information over the internet such as their full name, address, phone number or the details of another person.
5. Gaining access to another students' accounts, files and/or data.
6. Using the Internet, their email account, mobile phone or smart watch to find, read or send offensive, threatening, unkind or illegal materials.
7. Participating in any form of online bullying including, (and not limited to) texting, emailing, posting and accessing other students' devices.
8. Illegal installation or transmission of copyrighted materials.

Consequences if it is suspected that a student is not adhering to this Agreement

1. Teachers may request to see a student's mobile device if they suspect a student is not following this agreement.
2. Any mobile phone and/or smart watch that is used inappropriately will be stored securely by the school until arrangements are made for its return.
3. Students using the Internet, school devices, mobile phones and/or smart watches inappropriately will be managed according to the Newport Public School Student Wellbeing and Discipline Policy.
4. In certain circumstances a student's Internet access privileges may be removed.

Please retain this section of the Acceptable Use Agreement - Digital Devices for your records.



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Student Section

Student Name: _____ **Class:** _____

I have read/discussed the Newport Public School Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Mobile Digital Devices including School Devices.

I agree to follow all expectations in this Agreement.

I understand that if I do not follow the expectations in this Agreement I may lose my use of the internet and my ICT privileges at school.

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent/Carer Section

I have read and discussed the Newport Public School Acceptable Use Agreement for the Internet and Mobile Digital Devices including School Devices with my child and understand what is required.

I understand and acknowledge that children are responsible for their own mobile device.

I understand that failure to follow the Agreement may result in my child forfeiting his/her privilege to use the internet and ICT at Newport Public School.

If my child takes a mobile phone or smart watch to Newport School, I understand that I am fully responsible for loss or damage to, or for maintenance or repair required to a student's own mobile device through any act or omission resulting from the negligence or otherwise of the school, a member of the school staff, the student who owns the mobile device or of another student.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Students please return this section of the Acceptable Use Agreement - Digital Devices to your class teacher.