ICT Acceptable Use Agreement
Ultranet internet and digital technologies

Tarneit College believes the teaching of cybersafe and responsible online behaviour is essential in the lives of students and is best taught in partnership between home and school.

21st century students spend increasing amounts of time online, learning and collaborating. To be safe online and to gain the greatest benefit from the opportunities provided through an online environment, students need to do the right thing by themselves and others online, particularly when no one is watching.

Safe and responsible behaviour is explicitly taught at our school and parents/carers are requested to reinforce this behaviour at home.

Some online activities are illegal and as such will be reported to police.

Part A - School support for the safe and responsible use of digital technologies

Tarneit College will use the Ultranet, internet and digital technologies as teaching and learning tools within student learning. We see the internet and digital technologies as valuable resources, but acknowledge they must be used responsibly.

At Tarneit College we:

• have policies in place that outline the values of the school and expected behaviours when students use digital technology and the internet.
• provide a filtered internet service.
• provide access to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s search engine Connect www.education.vic.gov.au/primary which can be used to direct students to websites that have been teacher recommended and reviewed.
• provide supervision and direction in online activities and when using digital technologies for learning.
• support students in developing digital literacy skills.
• have a cybersafety program at the school which is reinforced across the school.
• use mobile technologies for educational purposes (e.g. podcasts or photos from excursions).
• provide support to parents/carers to understand this agreement (e.g. language support).
• provide support to parents/carers through information evenings and through the document attached to this agreement for parents to keep at home.
• work with students to outline and reinforce the expected behaviours in the Ultranet*.

* The Ultranet is a password protected online learning space for all Victorian Government school students. In this space your child will be able to use tools to communicate and collaborate with other students and be able to access learning activities both at school and at home.

If you have any further queries or concerns in regards to this document or the use of Ultranet, internet and digital technologies at Tarneit College please do not hesitate to contact Ms Corben at the school.
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Acceptable Use Agreement for Ultranet, Internet & Digital Technologies

When I use digital technology I agree to:

• be a safe and responsible user whenever and wherever I use it.
• support others by being respectful in how I communicate with them and never write or participate in online bullying.
• talk to a teacher if I feel uncomfortable or unsafe online or see others participating in unsafe, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour.
• seek to understand the terms and conditions of websites and online communities and be aware that anything I upload or post is my digital footprint.
• protect my privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images.
• use the internet for educational purposes only and use the equipment properly.
• use social networking sites for educational purposes and only as directed by teachers.
• ask permission from the website creator to use images, text, audio and video.
• reference sites if I use information that has been posted on the internet by others.
• think critically about other users’ intellectual property and how I use content posted on the internet, not simply copy and paste information from websites.
• not interfere with network security, the data of another user or attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another student.
• not reveal my password to anyone except the system administrator or the teacher.
• not deliberately enter or remain in any site that has obscene language or offensive content (e.g. racist material or violent images).
• not bring software from home for use at school.
• follow school guidelines and procedures when preparing materials for publication on the web.

This Acceptable Use Agreement also applies during school excursions, camps and extra-curricula activities. I acknowledge and agree to follow these rules. I understand that my access to the internet and mobile technology at school will be renegotiated if I do not act responsibly.

I have read the Acceptable Use Agreement carefully and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to abide by these conditions. I understand that any breach of these conditions will result in internet and mobile technology access privileges being suspended or revoked.

Student Name ______________________________________ Year Level ______
Student Signature ______________________________________
Parent/Carer Signature ______________________________ Date __/__/____

For further Support with online issues students can call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800.

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