RATIONALE

Darling Range Sports College has had a large number of computers and laptops available for student use provided, in part, by College funds and significantly, by the Government initiative of a 1:1 ratio for students in Years 9–12. However, with the withdrawal of Government funding and the aging of the current computers, the College can no longer continue to provide the information technology devices to the standard required by students in today's technologically changing world. The College therefore requests that each family support the provision of 1:1 devices for students by acquiring a portable electronic device for each child.

The minimum specification for the device will be supplied by the College.

As the devices purchased or leased by families for their child are personal property, the College can take no responsibility for the loading of any material by students which is deemed to be inappropriate.

Insurance coverage for the loss or damage to the tablet is the responsibility of the parent.

AIM

To provide clear guidelines on the safe and secure use of the internet by students on both their own device and College provided information technology resources.

IMPLEMENTATION

The use of devices within the College is also governed by the Portable Electronic Devices Policy (revised 2014). Thus, the following procedures are to apply:

- Only curriculum based websites approved by the teaching staff are to be accessed while on College property. Any student found to be accessing inappropriate websites will be denied access to the College internet and a period of out of College suspension may be imposed.
- Students are given their own personal and Connect accounts along with the responsibility of keeping their password private.
- Sharing of these accounts is not permitted.
- Email, social media and other forums are not to be accessed unless specifically directed to while supervised by a teacher.
- Students are not permitted to reveal their name, address, phone numbers, photographs or other personal details of themselves or other students or staff over the College internet.
- Students are not to use the College network to play games other than on those occasions when it is directed by a teacher.
- Students are permitted to download research materials only. Illegal copies of software, games, music files etc are not to be downloaded on the device for use or sharing at school.
- Students are to respect all College equipment and are not to attempt to make any changes to any part of the College network physically or by loading software viruses and other such programs.
- Where there is reasonable cause to suspect that material contrary to the ethos of the College and this policy is being brought to school on an electronic device, the College will confiscate the device and conduct a search for the material. Parents will be contacted prior to the search being conducted.
- The College reserves the right to deny students the privilege of using the network facilities if any of the above expectations are not complied with.