



## Cyber Safety at Parade College

### **RATIONALE:**

Parade College places high priority in providing the school community with Information Communication Technology Devices and Internet access that will benefit the learning outcomes of all students. The College recognises that the use of these technologies in an online environment can lead to anti-social, inappropriate and possibly illegal activities and material. Therefore, this protocol is designed to protect the students and staff of Parade College and set appropriate guidelines for student use of online access Devices.

### **DEFINITIONS:**

**ICT** – refers to the abbreviation of Information and Communication Technologies. (This includes Devices, laptops, storage Devices, video cameras and all types of smart phones and other technologies as they become available.

**Cyber-safety** – refers to the safe and responsible use of the Internet. Cyber Bullying involves the use of ICT to harass and cause discomfort or hurt to others.

**E-crime** occurs when ICT are used to commit a criminal offense.

**Sexting** is the act of sending sexually explicit messages or images.

**Online Grooming** is defined as actions deliberately undertaken with the aim of befriending and establishing an emotional connection with a child, in order to lower the child's inhibitions in preparation for sexual activity with the child.

### **AIMS:**

To develop and maintain effective cyber-safety practices which maximise the beneficial use of information communication technology (ICT) for student learning.

For students, staff and parents to receive education on how to use ICT safely and responsibly as detailed in the ICT Protocols document available on the Staff Resources/Moodle.

For students to learn how to protect their own privacy and not infringe the rights of others in an online environment.

To establish practices to on how to respond to inappropriate use of ICT that infringes the rights of others.

### **IMPLEMENTATION:**

At the start of every year all students sign an ICT use agreement that outlines the school's expectations when engaging in cyber activity.

The use of ICT and other equipment/Devices within Parade College is limited to educational and creative purposes appropriate to the school environment.



## Parade College ICT Device Program

Students are educated to protect their privacy and to recognize and report cyber-bullying, grooming, sexting, or E-crime and are encouraged to be good Digital Citizens.

Students will be educated about the risks of addiction in the use of ICT and the importance of maintaining a balance between their work, play, rest and activity for wellbeing.

The College staff will follow up instances of inappropriate cyber activity that occurs during school hours or if it impacts on school activities. All responses will be based on the Colleges Student Wellbeing Policy and Policy on Bullying (available on the College Website).

Staff members will be made aware of their responsibilities and duty of care with respect to students while accessing, creating and communicating on the internet.

Parade College is committed to educating parents about the growing issue of cyber-safety. Through parent information evenings, parents are encouraged to be aware of their son's internet use, use of social media sites and ways in which their son can be a responsible Digital Citizen.