

DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP POLICY



Takapuna
Grammar School

RATIONALE

Takapuna Grammar School supports a Digital Citizenship model for the promotion of safe and responsible use of technology.

We recognise that by fostering a culture of successful digital citizenship we are encouraging everyone to take responsibility for themselves and others in their use of ICTs. This allows us to harness the potential that technology brings to the teaching and learning process, while minimising *and* learning to effectively respond to the challenges we may experience while using them in a learning context.

We are aware that preparing our students to make effective use of ICTs is an important part of their preparation for participation and contribution in society today and in the future. It is clear that a key skill will be their ability to participate as effective digital citizens. An important part of learning these skills is being given the chance to experience the opportunities and the challenges presented by technology in a safe, secure and nurturing environment, where clear, effective guidance can be sought as students and teachers learn.

We recognise our obligations under the National Administration Guidelines extend to use of the internet and related technologies.

POLICY

Takapuna Grammar School will develop and maintain procedures around the safe and responsible use of the internet and related technologies (ICTs). These internet safety procedures will recognise the value of the technology and encourage its use in a teaching and learning context while helping to minimise and manage the challenges that may be experienced by students, teachers and the wider school community.

The school will consult with parents and the wider school community as to how it intends to use ICT and where possible explain how it benefits the teaching and learning process.

These procedures will aim to maintain a safer school environment and address the need of students and other members of the school community to receive education about safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies.