



## Digital Devices and Online Agreement 2024 - Technology Contribution Fee

Dear Families

**While we are happy to arrange payment plans for technology fees, students will not be issued with a Chromebook until this signed form is received by the school.**

Our students are privileged to have exclusive access to Chromebooks in the classroom for all students in Years 1-6. We acknowledge the educational value of digital devices and online services in supporting and enhancing educational outcomes and student wellbeing. We also recognise that technology can cause harm if misused and that we must keep our students using it safely, responsibly, and respectfully.

At our school, we approach this in two ways:

1. Across this year, all Chromebooks will migrate to a system that means students will borrow a Chromebook for the year like students borrow books from the library. We will actively teach students how to care for their Chromebooks to keep them in good working order.

Chromebooks are very sturdy, and in general, damage to Chromebooks is deliberate. This includes picking the keyboard keys and being rough with the screens. We understand that accidents can happen. However, intentional misuse of Chromebooks will result in consequences related to the time it takes to repair or replace the Chromebook. I note that each Chromebook costs the school \$650. We know this is not a cost we can pass on to families. However, we ask that you consider making a Technology Contribution to the school. Even without misuse, we are replacing Chromebooks annually to ensure the currency and reliability of the fleet. Some Chromebooks are already 10 years old, which is a considerable financial cost for the school. Please see the information below regarding the Technology Contribution.

2. Across the year, we will teach students about eSafety through resources provided by the eSafety Commissioner. Topics will include cyberbullying, image-based abuse, privacy, and digital literacy. You can use the information at home with your children to support safe online practices. More information is available at <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>.

### Technology Contribution

As mentioned above, please consider paying a Technology Contribution of \$20 per child in Years 1-6. This was agreed upon with the P&C in 2020. As you can see, this is a small contribution considering the cost of each device.

Contributions will be used to purchase new devices to help keep the fleet current.

I appreciate your support.

Mrs Treton

Principal.

Monday, 5 February 2024.



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Please read this agreement with your child (years 1-6) and ensure they understand it.

Please sign and return the agreement to the school office for our records.

### **Responsibilities and obligations**

Supporting students to use digital devices and online services safely, responsibly, and respectfully is a shared responsibility. Recommended inclusions are listed below.

#### For students

- Be safe, responsible, and respectful users of digital devices and online services and support their peers to be the same.
- Respect and follow school rules and procedures and the decisions made by staff, knowing that other schools may have different arrangements.
- Communicate respectfully and collaboratively with peers, school staff and the school community and behave as described in the Behaviour Code for Students.

#### For parents and carers

- Recognise their role in educating their children and modelling the behaviours underpinning the safe, responsible, and respectful use of digital devices and online services.
- Support the implementation of the school procedure, including its approach to resolving issues.
- Take responsibility for their child's use of digital devices and online services at home, such as online services with age and content restrictions.
- Communicate with school staff and the school community respectfully and collaboratively as outlined in the [2018 School Community Charter](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter) available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/school-community-charter>.
- Switch off or put their digital devices on silent when at official school functions, during meetings and when assisting in the classroom.

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- I have read/had read to me the agreement for the students above. I understand the expectations for using digital devices at school.
- I have read the parent/carer agreement above. I understand the expectations for parents and carers.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Carer Sign: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_