



CYBER SAFETY

Aim

Pioneer Village School aims to teach students responsible cyber use and safety to prevent cyber issues. PVS recognises its duty to students to provide a safe and positive learning environment which includes the responsible use of information and learning technologies.

Definitions

Cyber safety refers to the safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies. This includes privacy and information protection, respectful communication and knowing how to get help to deal with online issues. Cyber bullying is the ongoing abuse of power to threaten or harm another person through the use of technology.

Cyber Bullying includes:

- Bullying by texts, messages or calls on mobile phones;
- The use of mobile phone cameras to cause distress, fear or humiliation;
- Posting threatening, abusive, defamatory or humiliating material or remarks on websites such as, but not limited to, blogs, personal websites, social networking sites including Facebook, YouTube, snapchat, Instagram and RateMyTeacher;
- Hijacking/cloning email accounts.

Pioneer Village School will not tolerate;

- Predatory behaviour where a student is targeted online by a member of the school community.
- A student's deliberate use of their technology devices (e.g. smart phone, tablet, laptop, home computer) to bully or harass a student or community member.
- Anti-social or deliberate misuse of technology.

Managing Cyber Safety

PVS recognises that the implementation of whole school cyber safety strategies is the most effective way of minimising risks related to our students engaging in dangerous online activity.

The following initiatives form part of our overall cyber safety strategy;

- Age appropriate information and skills relating to cyber safety (including cyber bullying) are taught to and/or discussed with students over the course of the academic year;
- Provision of information to parents/carers to raise awareness of cyber safety;

- Promotion of a supportive environment that encourages the development of positive relationships and communication between staff, students and parents/carers;
- Students understand and agree to the PVS Student ICT Agreement.
- Reporting of cyber safety incidents is encouraged;
- Monitoring of all student laptop use during school hours; and
- Records of reported cyber safety incidents are maintained in Staff Share under Pastoral Care

Staff Responsibility

All staff are required to:

- Model appropriate online behaviour at all times;
- Refer any cyber safety related issues to the Principal.

Student Responsibilities

If a student believes someone is the victim of cyber bullying, they should:

- Speak to an adult as soon as possible. This person could be a parent/guardian, trusted adult or teacher.
- Not answer or respond to abusive or upsetting messages, but log and report them;
- Not delete anything until it has been shown to one or more of the adults mentioned above.

Parent Responsibilities

- Ensure that your child understands the importance of safe internet use.
- Model age appropriate cyber uses at home.
- Explain to your child the legal issues relating to cyber bullying.
- If parents believe their child is a victim of cyber bullying, save the offending material and make sure they have all relevant information before deleting anything.
- Contact the school as soon as possible.
- Do not become involved in the issue by responding to messages or contacting the alleged perpetrator's parents.

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