Wheelers Hill Secondary College
Cyber Safety Policy

If you need help to understand the information in this policy, please contact the College Office on 9561 5811

Our College is committed to providing a safe and secure digital learning environment for all our students. This policy outlines our expectations for the responsible usage of technology by our students and the measures we have put in place to ensure their safety in accordance with Department of Education Policy.

This policy should also be read in conjunction with the College Mobile Phone policy

Internet Access

1.1 All students must use the College's internet connection when accessing the internet on College premises.

1.2 The College's internet connection is filtered to block access to inappropriate and unsafe websites. Any attempt to bypass the filter is strictly prohibited.

1.3 Students must not use VPNs or any other tools to bypass the College's internet filter.

Email and Messaging

2.1 Students must use College-provided email and messaging tools for all College-related communication.

2.2 Students must not use external email or messaging services for College-related communication.

2.3 Students must not use email or messaging to harass, bully, or intimidate other students.

Social Media

3.1 Students must use social media responsibly and respectfully.

3.2 Students must not use social media to harass, bully, or intimidate other students.

3.3 Students must not share personal information, such as their full name, address, phone number, or other identifying information, on social media.

Digital Citizenship

4.1 Students must use digital technologies responsibly and ethically.

4.2 Students must respect the intellectual property rights of others when creating or sharing content.

4.3 Students must not engage in any illegal activities, such as hacking or piracy, using digital technologies.

Non-Educational Applications

5.1 Students must not download or install any games or other non-educational applications on College-provided devices.

5.2 Students must not access any games or other non-educational applications during class time or when they are supposed to be engaged in College based learning

5.3 Any use of games or other non-educational applications on College-provided devices must be for educational purposes only and must be approved by a teacher or other College staff member

5.4 Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Reporting

6.1 Students must report any incidents of cyberbullying, harassment, or inappropriate behaviour to a teacher or other College staff member.

6.2 Students must report any security incidents or breaches to a teacher or other College staff member.

Consequences

7.1 Any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

7.2 The College reserves the right to monitor student activity on College-provided digital technologies.

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