Internet Policy

Purpose:	To outline the basis on which students engage with the internet, on-line material and activities.
Scope:	Staff, Students & Parents/Guardians
Implemented by:	Principal
Approved by:	Fitra Board
Effective from:	May 2024
Review due:	December 2026

Fitra Community School (Fitra) values the learning opportunities that engagement with the internet provides. It facilitates the exploration of topics, connection with others and development of new skills in ways that are becoming standard practice in our society. We believe it is important that students are provided with regular and ongoing opportunities to develop their skills and understanding of the online world so that they can be creative, thoughtful, empowered users of this space.

Implementation Guidelines

- All children and staff at our school will have access to the internet.
- We will help children to develop the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate online content.
- The Principal will ensure that all devices are running to a good standard with web filters at settings which are appropriate for the users' age levels.
- The School undertakes to ensure that information published on the Internet by children or the school meets legal requirements and standards of best practice within the community in relation to safety and decency in accordance with the advice and guidance provided by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner (https://www.esafety.gov.au/).
- Privacy of Students, Parents/Guardians, staff and other users will be recognized and respected at all times and will be managed in accordance with the school's Privacy Policy. Information will be sought from families to determine which mediums (if any) they are willing to allow their child's image to be used. If it is necessary to publish a student's material online, the relevant

staff member who is publishing the material will only do so using the student's first name.

- Student's access to online social environments will be supervised and moderated by a Teacher.
- All Students shall be made aware of their responsibility for notifying their Teacher of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- All staff shall be made aware of their responsibility to evaluate material and programs used in learning programs, prior to their use, to ensure they do not expose students to inappropriate content.
- The School's ICT program will include regular lessons with strategies to enable children to keep themselves safe online, understand online etiquette and what to do if they experience cyberbullying.
- Level 3-6 students and their parents/guardians will be required to sign a Computer and Internet Code of Practice which will be kept in the Student's office file.
- The School does not condone the use of violence for the purposes of entertainment in online material, games or social environments.

Related Documentation

Internet Code of Practice

Restorative Principles Continuum

Related Policies

- Behaviour Management Policy
- Bullying and Harassment Policy
- Privacy Policy