



## Digital Technologies Code of Conduct – Parent/Guardian Agreement

PLEASE SIGN ALL RELEVANT SECTIONS AND RETURN TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

(This document will be signed each year the student is enrolled at Surrey Hills PS.

This Code of Conduct will be discussed each year at school.)

**The purpose of this Code of Conduct and Agreement is to provide important safeguards and support to students as they use Digital Technologies. It is recognised that a school/home partnership is the strongest way in which this can be provided.**

I understand that Digital Technologies are an essential part of the curriculum. I also understand that:

- ◆ they give access to information from around the world;
- ◆ while as much protection as possible through content filters is provided, the school cannot ultimately control information on internet websites;
- ◆ a very small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive;
- ◆ that internet and electronic communication outside of school can impact the school environment;
- ◆ a wide variety of digital technologies will be introduced to my child to meet the curriculum, this may include uploading materials to the internet;
- ◆ teachers will model and have ongoing discussions with their students to discuss smart, safe, responsible and ethical practices when using Digital Technologies;
- ◆ as a parent, it is my responsibility to model smart, safe, responsible and ethical use of Digital Technologies.

I accept that, while the school employs a range of internet content filters and teachers will always endeavour to exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend ultimately upon responsible use by students.

I believe my child understands this responsibility and I hereby give permission for him/her to use Digital Technologies. This access will be regulated via the conditions stipulated under the *Digital Technologies Code of Conduct – Student Agreement*. I understand that students breaking this agreement will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include loss of access to equipment for some time and contacting me.

### PARENT OR GUARDIAN'S DECLARATION

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**I give permission for my child to:**

- ◆ access the internet for information within their school programs;
- ◆ engage in online communication related to school programs, as approved by teachers (this may include sending and receiving e-mail from other teacher-approved people and organisations and/or communicating with other students in password-protected online spaces e.g. closed chat forums);
- ◆ publish work on Surrey Hills Primary School Web Site and/or password protected online spaces.

I undertake to inform the school immediately if I become aware of dangerous, offensive (including cyber bullying), inappropriate or discriminatory use of the internet, online applications/software by or about my child or a student at Surrey Hills Primary School, whether at school or at home. I understand that this includes mobile devices such as phones, tablets etc. Where my child's actions at home have not involved anyone else from the school community, I will take appropriate action at home without need to inform the school.

**I have read and discussed this agreement with my child.**

Parent or Guardian's signature: \_\_\_\_\_