

eSmart

NARANGA SCHOOL POLICY

Definition:

eSmart Schools is an initiative of the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, in partnership with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, designed to improve cybersafety and reduce cyberbullying and bullying. More information can be found at www.esmartschools.org.au .

Rationale:

Within our framework of Schoolwide Positive Behaviours and Restorative Practices Naranga School has joined the eSmart Schools program to nurture a positive culture where students are encouraged to be eSmart. eSmart formalises a number of effective practices that have already been implemented at Naranga School to deal with issues where students have had difficulties using mobile phones, school digital technologies and social networks. This policy should be read in conjunction with existing Naranga policies.

Aims:

This policy aims to enhance the culture of the Naranga School community with respect to issues of cybersafety and the reduction of incidences of cyber bullying.

Implementation:

1. An eSmart committee will meet at least once a term to evaluate eSmart issues at Naranga School.
2. eSmart will be taught in the context of Naranga School's values of : safety, respect, responsibility and learning.
3. All Naranga staff will be given professional development on the eSmart program, at least annually.
4. All Naranga students will engage in eSmart activities appropriate to their age level and external agencies, such as Family Life or Police speakers will be invited to address students on aspects of being eSmart, each year.
5. All Naranga students will with their parents sign an eSmart Agreement, each year, prior to use of the Naranga school's digital technologies. New students and families will receive an eSmart overview as part of their welcome to Naranga School.
6. The school community will regularly be provided with eSmart information via the newsletter.
7. Naranga Staff will supervise students using digital technologies at school.
8. Students bringing personal eTechnologies (eg. phones, tablets etc) to Naranga School will hand them to teachers during home room, to be locked away and returned at the end of the school day, unless approved for educational purposes.
9. Naranga Staff will address incidents of inappropriate use of digital Technologies promptly using our system of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support for students as appropriate.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed with student, parent and community input as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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