

It is the responsibility of students, who bring a device to school or use a school device, to abide by the guidelines outlined in this document.

This policy outlines the expectations for the responsible use of technology by students at Margaret River Senior High School. "Technology" refers to any electronic device or application used to communicate, create, share, store, or manage information such as text, images, audio, or video. The term "Device" includes, but is not limited to smart watches, iPads, laptops, tablet computers, personal organisers and desktop computers.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure technology is used in a safe and respectful manner, so that all students can benefit from its advantages, including enhanced learning and increased safety. Students who bring their own devices to school, or use school-provided devices, are required to comply with the guidelines set out in this document.

When using technology devices students are required to follow these rules:

1. Students must only use devices when directed by the teacher for class-related activities.
2. Students must not use/access devices in the yard during recess or lunchtime - unless a teacher grants permission for a supervised task.
3. Students using the network at Margaret River SHS must:
 - log on under their own name and password.
 - use the student computer network for school projects and approved pursuits.
4. Students should use the internet only with the approval and guidance of a teacher. This means students:
 - must not use the internet to access violent or pornographic publishing or other sites deemed inappropriate by the school.
 - must not access chat lines, conversation sites or other sites that link students to unauthorised individuals outside of the school community.
 - must not access social networking sites and/or messaging applications unless given direct permission from the supervising teacher (e.g. iMessage, Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram etc) while at school.
5. Using technology to bully and threaten other students is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. In some cases, it can constitute criminal behaviour and the school will report it to the relevant authority and the device will be confiscated. Calls, text messages and emails can all be traced by the appropriate authorities.
6. A student must not use their device(s) to record (audio, video or photograph) a student or a staff member without their knowledge and/or permission.
7. Videos or photographs taken at school must not be broadcast to other students or uploaded to a website for public viewing.
8. Devices are not to be used in changing rooms or toilets or used in any situation that may cause embarrassment or discomfort to fellow students, staff or visitors to the school.
9. Students must not share their password. Any offence committed through the use of a student's computer, internet, email or other electronic account remains the responsibility of the account holder.
10. Devices must not have inappropriate material on them. This includes, but is not limited to pirated software, music or video, nude photographs, pornography or hacking software.
11. Students should protect their phone numbers and email addresses by not giving them to anyone they do not know. This can help prevent the student's contact details from falling into the wrong hands and guard against the receipt of insulting, threatening or unpleasant voice, text and photograph messages or emails.

Students using computers at school should understand the following:

- They will be held responsible for their actions while using online services and for any breaches caused by allowing any other person to use my online services account.
- The misuse of online services may result in the withdrawal of access to services and other consequences dictated in Schools policy; and
- Students may be held legally liable for offences committed using online services.
- Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act, states that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly:
Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier to menace or harass another person; or
Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive.

