

## Digital Citizenship Agreement St John's College – Hastings



This agreement has seven tenets or facets of being a Digital Citizen. Aspects of this agreement link back to the St John's College Values and Habits.

- The **S** of *SJC* stands for **Show Respect**. Respect yourself, respect others and respect the digital technology you have access to.
- The **J** of *SJC* stands for **Jesus as our role model**. As a Saint John's Man we should look to treat others and their property with respect. We should look to protect others from harm and we should always act and behave in an ethical and moral manner. Say yes to 'doing' the right thing.
- The **C** of *SJC* stands for **Commitment to growing in Word and in Deed**. We need to show we are digital citizens through our actions. This will enable us to have trust in each other and will give us the confidence to learn new ways of doing things.

### 1. **Respect Yourself.**

- I will show respect for myself through my actions.
- I will select online names that are appropriate.
- I will carefully consider the information and images that I post online.
- I will carefully consider what personal information about my life, experiences, experimentation or relationships I post.
- I will not be obscene.

### 2. **Protect Yourself.**

- I will ensure that the information, images and materials I post online will not put me at risk.
- I will not publish my personal details, contact details or a schedule of my activities.
- I will report any attacks or inappropriate behavior directed at me and I will seek support from appropriate people or organisations.
- I will protect passwords, accounts and resources.

### 3. **Respect Others.**

- I will show respect to others.
- I will not use digital technology to flame, bully, harass or stalk other people.
- I will show respect for other people in my choice of websites.
- I will not visit sites that are degrading, pornographic, racist or inappropriate.
- I will not abuse my rights of access and I will not enter other people's private spaces or areas.

### 4. **Protect Others.**

- I will protect others by reporting abuse, not forwarding inappropriate materials or communications; and not visiting sites that are inappropriate.
- I will moderate unacceptable materials and conversations, reporting conversations that are inappropriate or unacceptable.

**5. Respect Intellectual property and digital technology.**

- I will request permission to use resources.
- I will suitably cite any and all use of websites, books, media etc.
- I will acknowledge all primary and secondary sources.
- I will validate information.
- I will use and abide by the “fair use rules”.
- I will not intentionally damage any digital device.

**6. Protect Intellectual property and digital technology.**

- I will request to use the software and media others produce.
- I will use free and open source alternatives rather than pirating software.
- I will purchase, license and register all software.
- I will purchase my music and media, and refrain from distributing these in a manner that violates their licenses.
- I will report vandalism and damage of digital technology.
- I will act with integrity.

**7. Security and Damage**

- It is the joint responsibility of school personnel and the parent or guardian of each student to educate the student about his responsibilities regarding the safekeeping of his digital technology.
- St John’s College are not liable for any device stolen or damaged while at school or involved at a St John’s College event. Responsibility to keep privately owned devices safe and secure rests with the individual owner. It is therefore recommended that parents/guardians ensure that personal devices brought to school are covered by insurance. If a device is stolen or damaged, such incidents will be handled through the Assistant Principal and dealt with in the same manner as other personal property that is damaged or stolen.

I have read this agreement and agree to follow it at all times. I am aware of the school’s initiatives to promote good digital citizenship and to maintain a cyber safe learning environment, including my son’s responsibilities.

Parents Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_