



## BALMACEWEN INTERMEDIATE

### **Digital Citizenship Agreement**

#### **Introduction**

As new technologies continue to change the world that we live in, they also provide many new and exciting educational benefits for our children.

This Digital Citizenship Agreement sets out expectations for safe and acceptable use of technology in our school. All students using school owned or personal devices are required to sign this agreement.

Students at Balmacewen Intermediate may bring their own technology (BYOT) to school. The BYOT initiative is voluntary. Balmacewen Intermediate remains committed to providing school owned devices for student use. Students will continue to have access to school owned devices under the Digital Citizenship Agreement.

Being a responsible Digital Citizen means applying the manners, respect and honesty expected in everyday life, in the digital world.

We welcome the opportunities this will provide and look forward to helping your child develop excellent skills and understandings that will serve them well in the future.

#### **Conditions of Participation**

##### **Online Safety**

- Students online safety is of paramount importance. Balmacewen will actively promote cyber safety practices and the safe use of ICT through our programmes.
- The Digital Citizen expectations listed below will be actively taught in our school.

##### **Online Etiquette**

- The school has high expectations for student behaviour. Our online expectations are exactly the same. This means students will respect the rights, privacy and safety of others at all times and use language and behaviour befitting our high expectations.

## Access

- All approved users will have access to the schools wireless network during school hours, but not including interval or lunchtime.
- Users are not permitted to use outside internet sources (3G, 4G), during school hours.
- The schools network filter will be applied to all devices . Any attempt to bypass the filter will result in disciplinary action and loss of access.
- The schools network filter does not allow access to facebook or other social media sites.
- Access privileges also apply to all school owned devices.
- Devices welcomed in our school are laptops, netbooks, chromebooks, tablets, smart phones, ipods that have wireless capability.
- Devices need to be in good working order. The school will provide internet access via a wireless network but not on-going technical assistance.

## Privacy

- Students will be issued with their own personal email account. This will use the @balmacewen domain and as such will be administered by the school.
- Students will safeguard their password and not share personal details with others.
- Students are not permitted to transmit or post photographic/video images of themselves or others, on public or social networking sites during school hours.

## Security

- The school will provide lockable, secure storage for devices. Students are responsible for handing in their device.
- The school will not be liable for any device that is not in provided secure storage during interval, lunchtime or outside of school hours.
- The school will not be liable for the damage or loss of any device whilst in the use of the owner.
- Use of a device is the responsibility of the owner. Sharing of a device is at the owners discretion and liability remains with them.
- Student devices should be clearly named/marked and be password enabled.
- Students are not permitted to bring any device that may contain viruses or programmes designed to alter or damage. The school has the right to collect and examine any device suspected of causing problems.

*A copy of this digital citizenship form will be available for viewing on the school website.*

I have read and understand the Balmacewen Intermediate Digital Citizenship Agreement. I accept and agree to the Conditions of Participation.

Student Device(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Parent \_\_\_\_\_

Student \_\_\_\_\_