



# ESMART POLICY 2019 - 2021

## Rationale:

The College understands that, whilst digital tools are an essential part of preparing our students for a life in a connected and digital world, it is also important to educate our students so that they understand how to become safe and responsible members of the global community.

## Objectives:

- To ensure that Cranbourne East Secondary College strives to reach the forefront of digital learning
- To create meaningful digital learning experiences that enhance student outcomes
- To reinforce, within the school community, that online behaviour and communication are governed by the same high expectations that govern all interactions at the College
- To ensure that all members of the school community are given the opportunity to become responsible global digital citizens
- To educate all members of the school community about their personal responsibilities when they are online or using digital tools

## What is eSmart Schools?

eSmart is a behaviour-change initiative in over 2,200 schools across Australia created by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation. The eSmart Schools Framework is designed to help schools improve cybersafety and reduce cyberbullying and bullying.

## Definitions:

**Bullying:** Bullying is repeated verbal, physical, social or psychological behaviour that is harmful and involves the misuse of power by an individual or group towards one or more persons. Cyberbullying refers to bullying through information and communication technologies.

Bullying can involve humiliation, domination, intimidation, victimisation and all forms of harassment including that based on sex, race, disability, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity. Bullying of any form or for any reason can have long-term effects on those involved, including bystanders.

Bullying can happen anywhere: at school, travelling to and from school, in sporting teams, between neighbours or in the workplace.

**Cyberbullying:** the use of electronic communication to bully a person. [See bullying definition]

## Guidelines:

- The Cranbourne East Secondary College eSmart Committee will meet regularly to ensure that the College is meeting all eSmart expectations
- The eSmart Committee will be made up of a diverse range of staff members as well as students and parents who represent all members of the school community

- The College will create and monitor an online reporting site that allows students to report cyber-bullying as well as any other form of bullying that occurs
- Inappropriate use and behaviour that takes place online will be dealt with in the same manner, and with the same level of seriousness, as the equivalent behaviour that takes place offline
- When inappropriate use and behaviour takes place online or via phone, outside of school hours, it has the potential to become a police issue.

**Relvant Policy & User Agreements:**

- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Mobile Technology & Internet User Agreement Policy
- Mobile Technology Policy
- Social Media Policy
- Office 365 and G Suite for Education Consent form