



Gawler & District College B-12



# ICT USER AGREEMENT

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### Dear Parent/Caregiver,

The measures to ensure the cyber-safety of Gawler & District College B-12 are based on our core values of Respect, Generosity and Excellence. To assist us to enhance learning through the safe use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), we are now asking you to read this document and sign the separate User Agreement Form, available on our website: <https://www.gdc.sa.edu.au/our-college/forms/>.

Rigorous cyber-safety practices are in place, which include ICT User Agreements for staff and students. Child protection education, such as the Keeping Safe child protection curriculum, includes information about remaining safe when using new technologies and is provided to all students.

The computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programs at Gawler & District College B-12, and to the effective operation of the school. The ICT equipment is for educational purposes appropriate to this environment, whether it is owned or leased either partially or wholly by the school, and used on or off the site.

The overall goal of Gawler & District College B-12 is to create and maintain a cyber-safety culture that is in keeping with our values and with legislative and professional obligations. The User Agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cyber-safety breaches that undermine the safety of the school environment.

This document will act as the User Agreement and once the one page agreement has been signed and returned to the school, students will be able to use ICT equipment at school and for Years 8 to 12, at home.

Material sent and received using the network may be monitored. Filtering and/or monitoring software may be used to restrict access to certain sites, data and services, including e-mail. Where a student is suspected of an electronic crime, this will be reported to SA Police. Where a personal electronic device such as a mobile phone is used to capture images of a crime, such as an assault, the device will be confiscated and handed to the police.

While every reasonable effort is made by schools and Department for Education (DfE) administrators to prevent student's exposure to inappropriate content when using the department's online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. In particular, **the Department cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home, from other locations away from school or via mobile devices owned by your child.** Gawler & District College B-12 recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software at home, and connection to the school provided Wifi services whilst at school.

More information about Internet filtering can be found on the websites of the Australian Communications and Media Authority at <http://www.acma.gov.au>, the Kids Helpline at <http://www.kidshelp.com.au> and Bullying. No Way! at <https://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>.

Please contact the relevant Junior, Middle or Senior Sub-School Leader if you have any concerns about your child's safety in using the Internet and ICT equipment/devices at Gawler & District College B-12.

Any references within this document to the term 'user' will encompass any person or persons accessing ICT resources at Gawler & District College B-12.

## ICT DEVICES

ICT Devices are issued to the user for educational use and remain the property of Gawler & District College B-12. The supply of a device to the user is conditional upon the user's continued association with the College and ongoing agreement and compliance to the terms of usage.

If the student ceases enrolment at Gawler & District College B-12, the device must be returned to the College before leaving, or as soon as possible. The device must be returned to Gawler & District College B-12 in good working order, in good repair and complete with any supplied peripherals, e.g. the charger and stylus.

Failure to return the device at the allotted time in its original condition will result in Gawler & District College B-12 invoicing the student or parents/carers for the cost of the device.

- The device may not be used for commercial purposes.
- The device must remain in Australia and cannot be taken overseas.
- Students are expected to care for loan laptops in relation to transporting, storage and security both on and off-site.
- The type of device provided is determined at the discretion of Gawler & District College B-12, based on determining factors such as year level and educational purpose.
- A Device may reference an iPad, Chromebook, Laptop, Desktop or any other digital device provided by Gawler & District College B-12 or used whilst onsite.
- Gawler & District College B-12 does not give any warranty, representation or assurance as to the quality, fitness for purpose or safety of the device as this is covered by the manufacturer.
- Items/apps provided with and/or installed on devices are subject to review by College staff.
- Devices owned by Gawler & District College B-12 periodically check in to our systems to report configuration and management information. The information in these reports may contain but not be limited to the following; Internet provider information, geographical location, IP Address details, installed applications and their usage, disk usage, plugged in or synchronised devices, battery status, hardware information and internet activity.
- The security and use of the device is the student's responsibility. The student must comply with all directions given by College staff in relation to the use of the device.
- Students must produce the device for inspection whenever requested.
- All material on the device is subject to review by College staff and must meet all acceptable use criteria.
- Gawler & District College B-12 may lock or disable the device at any time
- Students are not permitted to change device specifications, make modifications, add upgrades, or attempt to access the device internals.

## APPEARANCE AND PERSONALISATION

- As the devices are the property of the College, they are not to be altered or personalised in any way that is not completely irreversible. No labels or stickers are permitted (excluding those applied by Gawler & District College B-12)
- The device will be permanently marked with identifying information as required by the Department for Education guidelines. Additionally, labels containing the Asset Tag Number and student name will be attached.

**These labels must not be removed.**

## CLEANING

- To clean your device or its screen:
  - Switch off your device
  - Lightly dampen a non-abrasive cloth with water and gently wipe the screen in a circular motion.
  - Use a microfibre cloth to gently dry off any remaining residue
- **Do not directly apply water or cleaner to the device or its screen.**

## LOSS AND DAMAGE

- Warranty on devices covers normal defects and usage issues. It does not cover negligence, abuse, malicious damage or loss.
- It is recommended that the student is supplied with a water-resistant bag or cover to store their device.
- It is the student's responsibility to take appropriate precautions to prevent wilful damage or theft.
- In the case of loss or damage as a result of negligence, abuse or malicious act the student or the parents/carers will be responsible for meeting the cost for repairs or full replacement of the device.
- Device screens are delicate and will be damaged if poked, prodded, pushed or slammed.
- Any instances of vandalism, damage, loss or theft must be reported immediately to the College. In the case of a suspected theft a police report must be made by the family and an event number provided to the College.
- Parents/carers will be required to replace lost or damaged chargers/pens.
- College owned devices must not be sold, offered as security or given to anyone else.
- Parents may choose to evaluate their personal home contents and car insurance to cover equipment on loan to their child in the event of loss or damage while in the care and custody of the child.
- In instances where damage or loss has occurred involving students other than the student it has been assigned to, the incident will be further investigated.
- In the case of accidental loss a witnessed statutory declaration signed by the parent/carer should be provided.
- If a device is damaged or lost the Deputy Principal will determine whether replacement is appropriate and/or whether or not a student retains access for home use, if applicable.

## POWER ISSUES/BATTERY/CHARGING

- Year 8 to 12 Students are able to take the device home but **must bring the device to the College fully charged each day**. The school has limited facilities to recharge devices.

## SECURITY PROCEDURES

- **Do not leave your device logged on when you are not using it.** It is strongly recommended that you secure your device with a password protected screensaver or pin code. This locks your device after a set period of inactivity, reducing the risk of someone else performing any actions using your digital identity.
- You must update software with security patches when they are released. This occurs automatically whenever your laptop is connected to the College network; notifications may offer early acceptance of required updates.
- During a school day when the device is not being used and the student is unable to keep the laptop on them (e.g. at lunchtime, during PE etc), the device should be securely stored in the classroom or designated storage area.

## DATA RESPONSIBILITY

- Information stored locally on the device is not backed up by ICT systems.

- Gawler & District College B-12 provides network and cloud storage facilities for daily use and or backup locations; network storage is regularly backed up by the College.
- In the event of failure, our College IT technician(s) may be able to restore your device to its original state. There is no guarantee that data stored on your device can be recovered. Before installing new software, ask first for assurance and make sure your backups are up to date.

## SOFTWARE, COPYRIGHT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Each device will be loaded with Gawler & District College B-12 approved applications (apps) configured for use on the College network.
- Where applicable, this will include anti-virus software, Microsoft, Apple and Google apps.
- Software installed by the College is copyright and must not be distributed or deleted without written permission from the College.
- While some games have significant educational benefits, other games have little educational merit and may affect network function. As a result:
  - The use of any non-College supplied games is banned
  - No ad-hoc networks are to be formed.

## CARING FOR YOUR DEVICE

- For extra protection, always pack your device in a water-resistant protective cover.
- Do not remove a cover from an iPad unless directed to do so.
- Do not wrap the cord too tightly around the power adapter or leave it connected while in a bag as the cord could be damaged.
- You still need to be careful with a device whilst it is in your bag.  
**Do not drop the bag from your shoulder. Always put your bag down gently.**
- Laptops should be shut down before being placed into a protective cover.
- Avoid exposing your device to:
  - Direct sunlight or sources of heat such as desk lamps or a hot car
  - Dust, dirt, rain, liquids or moisture
  - Heavy shock or vibration.
  - Avoid applying pressure to the screen of any device.
  - **Do not store your device in the same place as a water bottle or any container holding liquid.**

## VIRUS PROTECTION

For applicable devices the following applies:

- Anti-virus software and monitoring software may be loaded onto the device during the initial processing of the device. Updates of this software may be scheduled at various times.
- Students should ensure that any anti-virus software and all other updates are kept up-to-date on their device.
- Internet traffic is automatically scanned for viruses when connected to the College network.
- Students that have the right to personally use their device, and connect to the Internet from home are required to take all steps to protect the device from virus attacks.
- You must not install any additional antivirus software as this can cause conflict with existing Antivirus software

- Viruses can enter laptops through:
  - Removable media such as CDs, DVDs and USB memory sticks
  - E-mails
  - The Internet (including web browsing, FTP/Torrent programs and chat programs/rooms).
- **Helpful Tips**
  - Do not open any files attached to suspicious or unknown emails
  - Do not click on any links in suspicious emails or from unknown senders
  - Exercise caution when downloading files from the Internet. Save the files to the laptop's hard disk and run the virus scanner on the files before opening them
  - Delete chain and junk emails. Do not forward or reply to any of these
  - Never reply to Spam
  - Hundreds of viruses are discovered each month. Run your virus scan regularly if installed
  - Avoid installing non-standard software on the laptop as it could result in a virus infection or installation of malware.

## ACCEPTABLE USE

The College ICT Team maintain devices and network infrastructure so that they operate reliably and effectively, ensuring that the resources needed are available for all users. The following guidelines are outlined to ensure all users are able to access the latest technology in an acceptable and safe learning environment.

- Users must avoid websites with content that is violent, racist, sexist, pornographic, dominated by offensive language and/or illegal
- Do not engage in cyber bullying or e-crime
- Under privacy legislation it is an offence to take photographs of individuals without their expressed permission and place these images on the Internet or in the public forum
- No device with camera capabilities is to be used in change rooms or toilets
- Passwords should remain confidential. No user should log another user on to any device using their password
- The Federal Communications Act determines guidelines for appropriate use. Inappropriate use of the internet and email is a serious matter and can have significant consequences, e.g. sending a message over the internet using someone else's name
- Engaging in chat websites or downloading files is not permitted unless forming part of a legitimate class activity guided by the teacher of that class
- It is the responsibility of students to maintain sufficient credit in their printing accounts to allow subject related tasks to be carried out
- Do not name files, folders, wifi networks or applications inappropriately with content that is violent, racist, sexist, sexual, or provocative
- Do not bring in to the College, or use, games or any other materials which may be offensive to others
- Do not engage in any form of Crypto Mining
- Circumvention, bypassing or disabling of monitoring, recording or administrative systems is prohibited. Some of these systems or services may include but not be limited to; proxy bypass technologies, VPN/TOR networks, websites designed to download content from filtered websites
- Circumvention of, or disconnection from, the Gawler & District College B-12 WiFi service whilst on site is prohibited, this includes 'hotspotting'
- Any privately owned / personal device brought to Gawler & District College B-12 is also subject to the ICT User Agreement
- Microsoft 365 and G-Suite applications are only to be used in relation to delivering curriculum objectives, and must not be used to store sensitive or personal information.

## CYBER BULLYING

E-technology provides individuals with a powerful means of communicating instantly with others in both positive and negative ways.

By definition, Cyber bullying is bullying which uses e-technology as a means of victimising others. It is the use of an Internet service or mobile technology such as social media, email, online chat, instant messaging, web pages or SMS (text messaging) with the intention of harming another person. Examples of cyber bullying include but are not limited to, communications that seek to intimidate, control, manipulate, put down or humiliate the recipient.

Any form of cyber bullying or e-crime will be dealt with as per College policies.

**Serious breaches are a police matter and will be dealt with through State & Federal laws and SA police.**

## INTERNET USE

- Users can access the Internet via the College's network while on-site. Access will be monitored and subject to strict filtering.
- Attempts to bypass internet filtering and/or using Torrent websites will result in ICT restrictions.
- Users are responsible for the content that their internet account accesses.
- Users are to only connect to the internet using their own user account.
- All internet access on the College's network is monitored and recorded.
- Offsite internet usage of a school provided device may be recorded.
- Gawler & District College B-12 is not responsible for any materials viewed on networks that are external to the College.
- Gawler & District College B-12 is not responsible for any data charges incurred by the use of a supplied device on networks that are not provided by the College. Some data usage may occur during information gathering/reporting/update procedures above and beyond normal consumption.
- All school email accounts and on-site internet activity will be actively monitored for keywords and filters will prevent and/or report on inappropriate messaging and/or web searching where possible. This will include but may not be limited to categories such as:
  - Drugs
  - Self-Harm
  - Predatory
  - Religious Slurs
  - Racism
  - Sexual or Gender Slurs
  - Profanity
  - Aggression

## EMAIL & SPAM FILTERING

All Gawler & District College B-12 students are provided with a Microsoft Outlook 365 email address.

Emails can be accessed anywhere with an internet connection, this can be done by accessing <https://portal.edpass.sa.edu.au> – look for the email link.



The Department for Education provides a spam e-mail filter service for all users, however in some instances spam email can reach us. Staff and students are requested to report spam to our ICT support team via email to: [dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au).

Students are not to use the school or departments email systems for spreading/sending/distributing spam e-mail.

## CLOUD SERVICES – MICROSOFT 365

Gawler & District College B-12 will utilise the expanded email service offered to students with additional services, and will be known as Microsoft 365 for Education.

Microsoft 365 is a customised package of Microsoft Office 365, tailored for the South Australian public education system, and is offered at no additional charge to parents/caregivers whilst their student remains enrolled at Gawler & District College B-12.

Users at Gawler & District College B-12 will be able to download licenced versions of common Microsoft applications used in teaching and learning for use on their device. They will also have their own online storage space for their files. Files can be shared with other students and teachers when online.

## WHAT IS MICROSOFT 365?

Microsoft 365 provides students with an email and collaboration platform to create and/or upload/share content. This may include websites, presentations, written, audio, images and video material as part of their educational program.

All data and information within Microsoft 365 is stored within an Australian based 'cloud' and provides the following services to students, **until the student leaves the Department for Education school they are based at:**

- **Office 365 ProPlus**

Office 365 ProPlus provides the latest versions of Microsoft Office applications for desktop PCs, Macs and mobile devices, including Windows, iOS and Android devices.

Office applications include Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, Access, Publisher and Outlook, however not all Office applications are available for Mac, iOS and Android devices.

Office applications can be installed, via the internet, on up to 5 personal computers and up to 5 mobile devices owned by a student (including parent-owned). Once installed, the applications can be used without an internet connection. Periodic internet connection is required for accessing data stored in cloud services, updates and licencing via your Microsoft 365 account.

- **Office Online**

Office Online is a web based, lightweight version of Microsoft's Office productivity suite (including Word, PowerPoint, Excel, OneNote, Teams and many other apps) that can be used on most devices capable of connecting to the internet via a web browser.

- **OneDrive for Business**

OneDrive for Business is a cloud service where students can store, sync, update, and share files from any internet connected web-browser, and collaborate on Office documents.

Each student will receive 1 Terabyte (or 1000 Gigabytes) of storage space in Microsoft's Australian cloud. By default, all data and files are private, however they can be shared with other Microsoft 365 users, including staff and students of other schools and preschools, but not anyone external to DfE schools/preschools.

With revision history and automatic saving, work entries can be easily followed, reversed, or restored. Work is saved continuously as editing occurs to allow students to continue on where they left off on another device; the right tool for the right job at the right time.

A number of services provided by Microsoft 365 require internet access. When students are onsite internet access will be filtered by the College however access from home/off-site is not filtered by the College and as such should be supervised.

Please be aware that as with any internet use, it is possible (although unlikely) that viruses and/or other malicious software could be introduced to your personal computing devices via Microsoft 365 services (including email).

**It is strongly recommended personal devices have suitable anti-virus / anti-malware software installed and regularly updated, and the device operating system is regularly updated.**

Users of Microsoft 365 are responsible for the information/data in their Microsoft 365 account and any important information should be backed up. Microsoft 365 including Office 365 ProPlus is only to be used in relation to delivering curriculum objectives, and must not be used to store, transmit or share sensitive or personal information.

### HOW WILL MY CHILD ACCESS MICROSOFT 365 SERVICES?

Microsoft 365 services can be accessed by students via <https://portal.edpass.sa.edu.au> or [www.office.com](http://www.office.com) and signing in with their Learnlink account details.

Instructions for access to EdPass are downloadable from our website:

<https://www.gdc.sa.edu.au/our-programs/ict-services/>

### INSTALLING OFFICE 365 PROPLUS

Office 365 ProPlus applications will need to be installed on a computer or mobile device (personal device) before it can be used.

Although unlikely, it is possible that installing Office 365 ProPlus on your personal device may cause problems, such as conflicts with other software you have installed.

It is recommended that you:

- Backup your personal device, prior to installing Office 365 ProPlus application(s); and
- Ensure your personal device meets or exceeds the Office 365 System Requirements

<https://products.office.com/en-au/office-system-requirements>.

### WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO ACCESS MICROSOFT 365 SERVICES?

The school / preschool requires written notification if you do not consent to your child using the additional Microsoft 365 Services. Please email [dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au) to notify the school.

## CLOUD SERVICES – GSUITE

Gawler & District College B-12 will utilise the Google G-Suite for education and offer some of its services to students, these services will be known as G-Suite (formerly Google Apps).

G-Suite is a customised package of Google products, tailored for the South Australian public education system, and is offered at no additional charge to parents/caregivers whilst their student remains enrolled at Gawler & District College B-12.

Students at Gawler & District College B-12 will be able to use Google alternatives to Microsoft applications used in teaching and learning at no cost, some classes will use these products at the core of their teaching and learning. Some programs may be used without an internet connection. Students will also have their own online storage space for files that can be shared with other students and teachers within the school and moderators where required.

To provide and encourage a safe learning environment Gawler & District College B-12 has turned off access to the email (Gmail), chat (hangouts), and social (G+) components of G-Suite. Students will use their school provided email account in place of these services. The Department and Gawler & District College B-12 will continue to monitor and enable or disable G-Suite services that become available in the future in line with maintaining a safe learning environment for our students.

## WHAT IS G-SUITE?

G-Suite provides students with a collaboration platform to create and/or upload/share content. This may include websites, presentations, written, audio, images and video material as part of their educational program.

All data and information within G-Suite is securely stored in geographically distributed data centres as a 'cloud' and provides the following services to students.

- **Google Docs / Sheets / Slides**

Available anywhere any time on any device students will be able to access their work to submit, change or review. Collaboration features will enable real time commenting and editing with peers on the same document.

Similar to Office Online and Microsoft products such as Word, Excel, and PowerPoint. These applications provide students flexible and friendly alternatives that integrate with the G-Suite experience

With revision history and automatic saving, work entries can be easily followed, reversed, or restored. Work is saved continuously as editing occurs to allow students to continue on where they left off on another device; the right tool for the right job at the right time.

Docs/Sheets/Slides can operate in offline mode for creating new files or files that have been flagged for offline use. There is no limit to the number of devices or locations that can be used to access content.

- **Google Classroom / Forms / Sites**

With Google Classroom and Google Forms, classes can be created to distribute assignments, give quizzes, send feedback, produce a survey and see everything in the one place. Sites provides a simple way to produce websites that can be shown to peers without leaving the safety of the school community.

- **Google Drive**

Google Drive is a cloud service where students can store, sync, update, and share files from any internet connected web-browser, and collaborate on Google documents. It can be used like a virtual storage device to transfer files and folders between computers including backups.

Each student will receive unlimited storage space in G-Suite's cloud. By default, all data and files are private, however they can be shared with other Gawler & District College B-12 approved G-Suite users, including staff and students of other DfE schools and preschools.

## USING G-SUITE SERVICES

A number of services provided by G-Suite require internet access. When students are onsite internet access will be filtered by the College however access from home/off-site is not filtered by the College and as such should be supervised.

Please be aware that as with any internet use, it is possible (although unlikely) that viruses and/or other malicious software could be introduced to your personal computing devices via G-Suite services.

It is strongly recommended personal devices have suitable anti-virus / anti-malware software installed and regularly updated, and the device operating system is regularly updated.

Users of G-Suite are responsible for the information/data in their Google account and any important information should be backed up. G-Suite is only to be used in relation to delivering curriculum objectives, and must not be used to store, transmit or share sensitive or personal information.

### **G-SUITE OFFLINE ACCESS**

G-Suite applications can be installed on a computer or mobile device (personal device) for offline use.

Although unlikely, it is possible that installing G-Suite on your personal device may cause problems, such as conflicts with other software you have installed.

It is recommended that you backup your personal device, prior to installing Docs, Sheets, Slides or Drive application(s).

To install G-Suite in offline mode follow the google support article; <https://support.google.com/docs/answer/6388102>

### **WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT MY CHILD TO ACCESS G-SUITE SERVICES?**

The school / preschool requires written notification by if you do not consent to your child using the G-Suite Services. Please email [dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0774.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au) to notify the school.

### **HOW WILL MY CHILD ACCESS G-SUITE SERVICES?**

G-Suite services can be accessed by students via <https://portal.edpass.sa.edu.au> or by signing in to their Google account with their Learnlink email address and password.

## **STUDENT PRIVACY INFORMATION SUMMARY**

### **WHERE WILL INFORMATION/DATA IN THE CLOUD BE STORED?**

Microsoft 365 service is a Cloud based service, meaning it can be accessed from any compatible internet connected device anywhere/anytime. All the data and information is stored in Microsoft's Australian data centres and is subject to Australian Privacy Laws, regulations and standards.

G-Suite offers the similar Cloud based services as Microsoft 365 however the servers are operated under United States law. The location of data for G-Suite is within Googles network of geographically distributed data centres. More information can be found here:

<https://www.google.com/about/datacenters/inside/locations/index.html>

### **WHAT INFORMATION AND DATA WILL BE COLLECTED?**

Learning materials used by educators to teach the student, and information/data created or uploaded by the student in the Microsoft 365 and G-Suite services will be stored in the data centres. This may include text, images, photographs, sound and multimedia (e.g. videos).

Microsoft and Google do not access, use, track or collect information or data about the student, other than to deliver the Office 365/G-Suite service on behalf of The Department for Education (DfE). In doing so, some system generated data is logged, such as who accessed the services and when.

## WHO HAS ACCESS TO MY CHILD'S INFORMATION AND DATA?

The student owns and controls the information and data they create or upload to the Microsoft 365 and/or G-Suite service. They can share their information and data with other Microsoft 365 or G-Suite users of the same platform; this includes staff and students from other DfE schools or preschools. Without knowing the student's logon details, anyone external to Department for Education schools is unable to access student information and data.

Processes are in place to allow authorised DfE staff to access information and data the student has created or uploaded to the service where required.

Microsoft will only disclose information and data at the direction of DfE or if required to do so by law. Google will only disclose information and data with direct requests from government and actively pursues limiting the amount of supplied information to only that which is required

## HOW SAFE IS STUDENT INFORMATION AND DATA?

Microsoft 365 Service has been [certified by the Australian Government](#) as safe to use for government information. The certification letter and report has been verified by DfE. Additionally, Microsoft 365 Service is certified to several international security standards.

Google G-Suite for education has a strong security and privacy focus with respect of these two elements being a core priority of Google. More information can be found at the following websites.

Google Cloud Trust: <https://support.google.com/googlecloud/trust/?hl=en>

G-Suite Security: <https://gsuite.google.com/security/>

## ADDITIONAL READING

More information about Internet safety can be found here:

Australian Communications and Media Authority - <http://www.acma.gov.au>

Kids Helpline - <http://www.kidshelp.com.au>

Bullying. No Way! - <http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au>

**Please contact the relevant Junior, Middle or Senior Sub-School Leader by calling the school on (08) 8521 2400, if you have any concerns about your child's safety in using the Internet and ICT equipment/devices.**

## BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM (BYOD) POLICY

### VISION AND RATIONALE

Gawler & District College B-12 (GDC) has a strong focus on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) literacies that will enable students to be successful global citizens in the 21st Century. All members of our learning community hold the responsibility to value technology and achieve technological proficiency to prepare our students for future jobs, which currently may not exist.

Our students are living in a world where they have immediate access to information anytime and anywhere. Many students have personally owned devices that can be used to allow them to learn in their own style and at their own

pace. Gawler & District College B-12 recognises that when students feel connected to their device they are more likely to use it responsibly to access and process information which will improve their overall learning. We have implemented a BYOD initiative to complement our 1:1 program, because we believe that it is a sustainable way for the school to make it possible for every child to have access to an ICT device.

## **GDC BYOD PROGRAM**

At Gawler & District College B-12, we have powerful servers that manage Citrix, our Virtual Desktop Infrastructure

(VDI). After installing the Citrix Workspace App on their device, a student can connect to their own “Virtual Desktop” and access most school licensed software, network drives and printers, at school, from home or anywhere in the world! Another advantage of using our VDI is that the server is doing all the hard work, so no matter which device is being used, the experience is still the same. The only limitations are the availability and speed of the internet access where you are.

### **PROCESS FOR JOINING THE PROGRAM**

- ✓ Parents/Caregivers and students read this BYOD Program Policy
- ✓ Parents/Caregivers and students complete and sign the BYOD Agreement Form available on the website or from the College ICT Help Desk in the Resource Centre.
- ✓ The student brings the completed BYOD Agreement Form to the ICT Help Desk
- ✓ Students will be able to follow the instructions that will be given to them - a member of the ICT Team will be there to help them if needed.

### **MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS FOR THE DEVICE**

- ✓ Device: A laptop or tablet with a keyboard (Android devices are not supported)
- ✓ Screen size: 11” to 14”
- ✓ HDD: 128GB (SSD Preferred)
- ✓ RAM: 8GB of RAM
- ✓ Operating system: Windows 10, Mac OS
- ✓ Wireless: 802.11n or AC adaptable
- ✓ Battery life: Minimum 6 hours - 6 cell battery (9 cell preferred)
- Processor:**
- ✓ Laptops - Pentium, i3, i5, i7 (high performance)
- ✓ Tablets - Intel Atom 1.33ghz
- ✓ iPads with a keyboard are accepted but students have reported that the Citrix experience is much better on a laptop
- ✓ Anti-virus and Malware protection is installed and kept up-to-date
- ✓ ICT staff will assess whether or not the device can be accepted for connection to the school’s BYOD network, after checking specifications and Anti-virus and Malware protection.

### **INTERNET USE – ACCESS, SUPERVISION AND MONITORING**

By completing this agreement form, students can access the Internet via the school’s BYOD Wi-Fi Service while on site, and via their Internet Service Provider at home. Internet filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children’s Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered regardless of the device you use to access it while in a public school. You own your device, but the network you’re using belongs to the school and Internet access will be filtered, and also monitored.

College Leaders and ICT Administrators reserve the right to examine, use and disclose any data found on a student's device or the school’s information networks in order to further the health, safety, discipline, or security of any student or other person, or to protect property. They may also use this information in disciplinary actions, and will furnish evidence of crime to law enforcement.

### **IMPORTANT! USE OF PRIVATE 3G, 4G OR 5G SERVICES (HOTSPOTTING):**

Please be aware that students who elect to access the Internet by connecting their device to their own 3G, 4G or 5G connection (via a mobile phone or tablet “hotspot” or Wi-Fi dongle) will have access to unfiltered Internet. This means that students would be able to access inappropriate and non-educational websites and content. The content and use of these devices for Internet access (e.g. mobile phones or other devices with a sim card installed) remains

the sole responsibility of the parent/caregiver. Gawler & District College B-12 does not encourage or condone the use of 3G, 4G or 5G connected devices. It is recommended that for the safety and wellbeing of the student that the device is connected to our BYOD Wi-Fi and therefore protected by filtering via the Department for Education (DfE)

servers. Students will also be responsible for the cost of their data usage if they use their own Internet connection instead of the GDC BYOD Wi-Fi service.

## **LOSS AND DAMAGE**

Gawler & District College B-12 does not accept liability for any loss, damage or theft of any device that is brought to school under the program. The responsibility for the storage, safe-keeping and care of the device is the responsibility of the device owner. The school's insurance policy does not apply to these devices; instead these must be covered by the user's insurance policy. As such it is strongly recommended that families check with their insurance company that the device is covered and also ensure that the details such as serial numbers and receipts of purchase for these devices are stored securely at home for insurance purposes.

## **SOFTWARE**

The installation of non-school applications and files is permitted provided that the content:

- ✓ Is appropriately licensed and age appropriate (e.g. G or PG rated)
- ✓ Does not breach copyright/intellectual property laws, including video, music and gaming
- ✓ Is ethically, morally and legally acceptable
- ✓ Does not affect the efficient functioning of the device for educational purposes
- ✓ Does not affect the school's wireless network
- ✓ Does not interfere with the student's learning program

## **VIRUS PROTECTION**

Every device connected to Gawler & District College B-12 network must have virus protection installed. Windows 10 comes with Windows Defender as part of the operating system. Making sure that Windows and Mac OSX updates are installed regularly as that will keep your device protected and up to date.

## **PASSWORD SECURITY**

Each student is required to have an individual password for logging in to the school network and school wifi. This password must not be divulged to any other person under any circumstance. Disciplinary action will be taken against any sharing of passwords.

Any attempt to break into a government computer system is a federal offence carrying strict penalties which are applicable to minors. Our network audit logs contain information on the user logging in, the computer which is attempting to log in and various other parameters. This information can, and will, be used to track user access and usage. Unlawful access will be recorded and referred to the police.

## **ICT USER AGREEMENT**

It is a Department for Education requirement that every student at Gawler & District College B-12 must have a signed copy of the school's current ICT User Agreement before they can use the school's computing resources. This agreement also applies to students who bring in their own device, because they are still connecting to the school's network infrastructure.

## **NETWORK SECURITY**

- Playing games using our networks is forbidden.
- Ad-hoc networks: Ad-hoc networks (the creation of a standalone wireless network between two or more devices) are strictly forbidden while at school.
- Wired Networks: Students are forbidden to plug any device into the school's LAN.

- Hacking: Hacking is a criminal offence under the Cyber Crime Act (2001). Any hacking attempts will be forwarded to the police.
- Packet Sniffing: Any type of software or hardware device designed to capture or view network data/packets is forbidden.
- Proxy Servers: The use of an on-line proxy or VPN to bypass the DECD filtering servers is forbidden.

**The School's network security system will scan for and report on any device attempting any of these actions. Students responsible will face disciplinary action potentially including suspension.**

## **SECURITY AND STORAGE**

During the school day when the devices are not being used (e.g. at lunchtime, during PE etc) they should be kept either with the student or securely stored. If the student is unable to keep the laptop with them at times during the day, it is possible to hire a locker – please enquire via Student Services / Finance department. Every care should be taken if devices are stored in student school bags to prevent malicious or accidental damage. We also recommend that the device be protected by a suitable water-resistant case, sleeve, or bag.

## **POWER ISSUES / BATTERY / CHARGING**

It is each student's responsibility to bring their devices fully charged for each school day. Classrooms have no facilities to recharge BYOD devices. Devices cannot be charged at school due to the Work Health and Safety regulations.

## **BACKUP AND DATA STORAGE**

It is important to keep a backup of student work. There are a number of options students should consider. Best practice is for students to create and store their files in Microsoft OneDrive and/or Google Drive. Files stored here save automatically, and can be accessed from anywhere, on any device. Students also have the option of saving their files to their own network drive (H: drive) whilst using their Citrix Virtual Desktop or a school desktop pc - a backup of files saved here takes place every night. Another option is to save to a USB device or a portable USB hard drive, but in this case, they should always make a second backup, either on another usb, the hard drive of their laptop/tablet, or in the cloud. The school cannot be held responsible for lost work due to a failure on the student's part to back up their files.

## **MICROSOFT 365 AND GOOGLE APPS**

All Gawler & District College B-12, staff and students have access to Microsoft 365 and Google Apps on their own devices – see pages 9-12 of this document for more information.

## **PRINTING**

At school, students will be able to select a printer to use whilst connected to Citrix via their BYOD Virtual Desktop. Print credit will be deducted from their quota the same as when using a school device.

## **TECHNICAL SUPPORT**

The school ICT staff can only offer support with connecting to the BYOD Wi-Fi and the installation of the Citrix App. All other software installed, and any other fault or problem not related to either of these is the responsibility of the owner to rectify.



## RESPONSIBILITIES

### **Gawler & District College B-12 will:**

- Do its best to enhance learning through the safe use of ICT. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, illegal or harmful material on the Internet or on school ICT equipment/devices at school, or at school related activities; and enforcing the cyber-safety requirements detailed in the ICT User Agreement.
- Respond to any breaches in an appropriate manner and as directed by school leadership and or principal
- Provide members of the school community with cyber-safety education designed to complement and support the Use Agreement initiative.
- Store a current version of this document in accessible locations.
- Welcome enquiries at any time from parents/caregivers or students about cyber-safety issues.

### **For the Student and Caregiver: responsibilities include:**

- Reading this ICT User Agreement carefully
- Following the cyber-safety strategies and instructions provided by teachers and this User Agreement whenever I use the school's ICT equipment and devices. This also applies to personal devices when using them at school
- Logging on to devices only using the student's own username and password
- Keeping passwords private and not logging on for other students
- Informing a teacher about any material or activities that could put student safety at risk, or the privacy, safety or security of the school or other members of the school community
- Showing a teacher, but not showing other students, if inappropriate material is accessed accidentally
- Using the Internet, e-mail, or any ICT device only for positive purposes. Students must not be mean, rude or offensive, or bully, harass, or in any way harm anyone else, or the school itself, even if it is meant as a joke
- Respecting and taking proper care of school ICT equipment
- Storing only files related to student learning in my network folder or in the cloud
- Not providing personal details online, such as full name, address, phone number or photos
- Not attempting to hack, disrupt or gain unauthorised access to any school system
- Not attempting to bypass website filtering
- Asking the home group teacher if unsure about anything to do with this agreement.

## CONSEQUENCES

Where there is a contravention of this ICT User Agreement, consequences will include any or all of the following dependant on severity:

- Resetting any ICT device on loan, which may result in the loss of data if back-ups have not been kept up to date.
- Locking or disabling of a loan device from accessing the school infrastructure
- Deletion of inappropriate files and or folders and/or unapproved software
- Disabling/suspension of the student's ICT user account
- The school may inform my parents/caregivers. In serious cases, the school may take disciplinary action
- The student's family may be charged for replacement or repair costs
- If illegal material or activities are involved or e-crime is suspected, it may be necessary for the school to inform SA Police and hold securely personal items for potential examination by police officers

Other sanctions may be imposed as appropriate and determined in consultation with College Leadership and the Principal.