Digital Citizenship Agreement

Statement of Purpose
Bankstown West Public School encourages the use of the Internet and information and communication technologies to support students’ learning across the curriculum. It is a privilege and a responsibility to use these tools at school. This privilege will be extended to students as long as they agree to the conditions outlined by the school.

Digital safety, security and citizenship guidelines
When using the Internet:
• I will agree with parents or teachers about when I can go online, how often and for how long.
• I will be responsible and use the Internet in ways that I know my parents or teachers would approve.
• I will moderate my online activities.
• I will only visit safe, secure websites.
• I will download content only if I believe it is safe.
• I will use appropriate language when communicating on the Internet.
• I will not send or upload photos or descriptions of myself or family members to anyone without permission from my parents or teachers.
• I will not send or upload photos or descriptions of teachers or school friends to anyone without permission from my teachers.
• I will use a handle or avatar when using online chat services, and only use real names for communicating with real life friends.
• I will keep personal identifying information, such as last name, home address, email address, telephone number, parents’ names or the name or location of my school, private. I will not give it out without permission from my parents or teachers, to avoid being ‘tricked’ into allowing people to engage in cyber bullying, identify theft or to send viruses or spyware to my computer.
• I will not agree to meet someone I know only via the internet without permission from my parents.
• I will not send or respond to content that makes me or others feel uncomfortable, or that is rude, obscene, offensive or threatening and I will tell my parents/carers or teachers immediately if I read or see such content.
• I understand that information on the Internet is not always correct and I must check the ‘facts’ discovered on the web and be careful how I use them.
• I understand that much of the material on the Internet is copyright, and I will acknowledge any material that I use.
• I will not change, copy or delete anyone else’s email or private files.
• I understand that using the Internet at school is a privilege and that failure to follow this school code of behaviour will result in loss of Internet access.
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Please sign and return to the class teacher.

I have read the conditions outlined in the Digital Citizenship Agreement and I understand them. I give permission for my child to access the Internet. This permission will remain in force for the duration of my child’s enrolment or until I advise in writing of any change.

Student’s Name: ________________________________       Class: __________________
Signature: ________________________________       Date: __________________

Parent’s Name: ________________________________
Signature: ________________________________