

Williamstown Primary

Digital Learning Family Support



Family Support

As a Victorian State School our curriculum is governed by the Department of Education.

Williamstown Primary highly values the teaching and learning opportunities working with digital devices creates and feel it is essential to provide families with support and resources to assist in managing devices at home.

Williamstown Primary School strongly supports the Office of the eSafety Commission and its partners such as the Alannah & Madeline Foundations eSmart program in which the school is a member.

Victorian Curriculum

In the Victorian Curriculum F–10, the Technologies includes Design and Technology and Digital Technologies.

The Technologies provide a framework for students to learn how to use technologies to create innovative solutions that meet current and future needs. Students are encouraged to make decisions about the development and use of technologies, considering the impacts of technological change and how technologies may contribute to a sustainable future. The curriculum provides practical opportunities for students to be users, designers, and producers of new technologies.

In Design and Technologies, students use design thinking and technologies to generate and produce designed solutions. In Digital Technologies, students use computational thinking and information systems to analyse, design and develop digital solutions.

<https://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/technologies/introduction/about-the-technologies>

eSmart Digital licence

All students in years 3-6 will undertake school based eSafety workshops throughout the year.

Aligned with the eSmart Digital Licence which is endorsed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and was Highly Commended in the 2015 Australia and New Zealand Internet Awards (ANZIA) for Security and Safety.

These workshops educates children about current and changing online risks, as well as how to best manage them. It embraces the best of technology, while reducing its associated risks.

The workshop' focuses are listed below and are undertaken in terms 1-3.

Focuses

- **Digital devices**
Software updates, virus types, mobile security and apps, caring for devices, pop-ups, cloud vs local storage.
- **Protecting privacy**
Passwords, scams and protecting private information, malware types, storage and privacy.
- **Social networking & gaming**
Digital rights and responsibilities, social media and gaming, cyber bullying types
- **Communicating safely online**
Instant messaging, emailing and video calling.
- **Friends & strangers**
Fake accounts, cyber bullying, and managing friends online, photo permissions.

eSmart weblink

<https://www.esmart.org.au/>

Office of the eSafety Commissioner

iParent Resources

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>

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At School

- Students will be assisted in managing their iPads and apps while being encouraged to use the devices in a safe learning environment. Students will be educated and supported regarding eSmart and Cyber safety procedures. This will be incorporated within the student user agreement.
- Staff at Williamstown PS undertake ongoing Professional Development in digital pedagogy and device use within core curriculum areas in delivering a relevant and essential curriculum.
- Students will have their iPads connected to the school WiFi network while receiving trouble-shooting support regarding their daily use.
- The school will provide an environment where students will be encouraged to think critically, communicate and collaborate with one another through the use of digital technologies eLearning platforms.
- Each classroom will have secure facilities for iPads to be stored when not in use. This includes 10 minutes before the commencement of school, during recess and lunch times. Students will not be permitted to take iPads out during these breaks.
- Students will be enrolled in the DET licensed Google for Education, in which they will have DET secure Google accounts.
- Students who do not have a personal iPad will have access to a shared school iPad.

Family Share

Williamstown Primary school highly recommends the use of family share when setting up accounts for students. This will enable parents to set up Apple IDs for their children while giving them full control of key set up and access features. Family share also enables families to share apps, saving in the purchasing of apps. This is extremely beneficial when purchasing the school app list which can then be share amongst siblings.

Family share's security settings gives parents full control of the management of their child's device.

Note: At times browser security settings applied to the account by parent can have impact on safari's search ability when at school. The school's wifi network has DET filtering software. If you have concerns regarding the use of Safari at home we recommend the use of a 3rd party browser app such as Kidzsearch. This app can be downloaded for free on your child's iPad.

If you have any questions regarding the use of family share please contact our assistant Principal Mat Montebello.

Apple family Share - <https://support.apple.com/en-au/HT201060>

Family share Tutorial iOS12 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0agSm9AmuGg>

Kidzsearch Browser App - <https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/kidzsearch/id1082948567?mt=8>

JB Hi-Fi Purchasing Portal

To support families in the purchasing of devices the school has organized a purchasing portal with JB Hi-Fi.

This portal will give families access to cheaper education pricing. Families are not obliged to purchase through this portal and are free to source devices from any supplier.

Portal Link: <https://www.jbeducation.com.au/byod/>

School Code: WilliamstownPS2023

Google Classroom

Google Classroom is an easy-to-use tool that helps teachers manage coursework. With Google Classroom, teachers can create classes, distribute assignments, grade, and send feedback, and see everything in one place. This app is at the core of the Google Apps for Education platform and is licensed and supported by DET.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xfgqtCi7hdo>

iPad Tips and Tricks App

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/tips-tricks-for-ipad/id373311049#?platform=ipad>