

# Digital Citizenship at SHGC

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Sacred Heart Girls' College supports a **Digital Citizenship** model for the promotion of **safe and responsible use of technology**.

It is our belief that we must prepare our students to participate actively in the world in which they live. It is clear that a key skill in this new world will be their ability to participate as effective digital citizens. An important part of learning these skills is being given the chance to experience the opportunities, and the challenges presented by **technology in a safe, secure and nurturing environment**, where clear, effective guidance can be sought as students and teachers learn.

## E-Learning:

The move to Google in 2014 brought a wide range of possibilities into our learning environment. This service provides students with online email, google docs, google sites, google classroom, electronic calendar, blog sites, and online 'drives' with free cloud storage. All available on 'Google-enabled' devices such as Chromebooks, tablets, laptops and notebooks.

- **BYOD** (Bring Your Own Device) has enable new learning opportunities such as: online collaborating, creating, off-site learning and posting, video making, 'flipped learning'. Teaching and learning is supported, facilitated and 'redefined' by the use of digital technology and digital collaboration tools. As we move forward, the use of devices will become embedded in the delivery of teaching and learning at SHGC. The use of technology in all teaching programmes is encouraged and supported with Professional learning, tailored to needs of teachers.

Students are encouraged to bring their 'Google App' enabled device to use at school. In order to enable effective collaboration, we have found that a device with a screen size of a tablet, notebook, mini iPad, is the best. We do not specify a particular device only that its screen size is appropriate.

- **Free Student WiFi** is provided for students to access Ultra Fast Broadband through Network for Learning.
- **Cyber Safety** requires that students complete an e-learning agreement before engaging with digital services at SHGC. The agreement places a significant emphasis on good and safe digital learning practices for students, families and staff. In light of the recent legislative changes, including Vulnerable Children Act and Harmful Digital Communications Act, our policy and procedures are under review. This is further opportunity to engage with families and whanau to develop our educative partnership in this rapidly changing space.
- **Digital Technology Learning** is also enabled through bookable computer labs to serve the needs of digitally driven assessment across all areas of the College. Digitally based subject learning: Photography, Design, Media, Digital Visual Technology, Programming (Robotics) are well resourced with high spec, industry standard, hardware and access to professional software. These resources are renewed on a 3-year rotation and then rolled out to other areas (labs/administration/learning area hubs). In addition, access to digital 'hubs' in the languages learning area has greatly enhanced the learning and teaching of mixed levels and online collaboration and personalised programmes of learning. The Library is also well equipped with desk-top computers for student research and project work, as well as laptops/notebooks for Year 13 private study.