A Community of Shared Concern

There is a wealth of information available to advise parents and schools on safe practices for internet and social media use. The greatest security is to provide a community of common values to model safe use and appropriate etiquette for all students. While we don't expect to prescribe student computer use in the home, we can provide suggested guidelines with the intention of supporting all families to keep our children safe.

There are a number of common principles to consider;

Limit Screen Time	Insist on Online Etiquette
▪ Implement agreed time limits for learning and leisure, for week days and weekends ▪ Provide a range of engaging alternatives to devices ▪ Encourage goal setting and reflection to monitor effective use of screen time ▪ Discuss the details of appropriate online topics	▪ Do not allow access to Social Media before the legal age ▪ Store phones and all devices in a common, visible area (ie. kitchen bench) and insist they are not accessed after bedtime ▪ Discuss content creation and a digital footprint to explore the qualities of "appropriate" and "inappropriate" posts
Be Involved in Your Child's Online World	**Install Secure Safety Protocols**
▪ Read and sign the College's "Cyber Safety and Acceptable Use Agreement" with your children. ▪ Be interested and informed about school tasks, homework and assignments ▪ Ensure all computers are situated within plain sight or high traffic areas in the house ▪ Subscribe to the same sites, apps, games and online groups (Social Media as legal) ▪ Actively discuss the benefits of online activities	▪ Inform yourself and install Parental Control software (include YouTube controls and other online filters) ▪ Install anti-viral filters ▪ Talk to children about online safety and password protection ▪ Check privacy settings ▪ Install centralised limits on (wireless) internet connection

In addition to this we have established a Parent Advisory Group to assist parents and the College in identifying and resolving areas of concern for our community and assisting us as a group to establish some common expectations and practices. If you are interested in contributing to this group please contact Miss Kirrily Hope, via the K-6 Reception.

REFERENCES and FURTHER READING

https://aifs.gov.au/cfca/publications/online-safety
http://www.safesearchkids.com/internet-safety-tips-for-kids/#.VlMB7U3ovIU
The Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner https://esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent