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CYBERBULLYING POLICY

Rationale:

Young people have fully embraced the use of information and communication technologies to maintain contact with friends and make new ones. They send emails, create their own websites, post personal news in blogs (online interactive diaries), send text messages and images via mobile phones, message each other through IM's (instant messages), chat in chat rooms, post to discussion boards and seek out new friends in community sites. While most interactions are positive, there are increasing reports of these technologies being used to harass and intimidate others. This has become known as cyberbullying.

Aims:

- To reinforce within the school community that no form of cyberbullying is acceptable.
- Everyone within the school community to be alert to signs and evidence of cyber bullying and to have a responsibility to report it to staff whether as observer or victim.
- To ensure that all reported incidents of cyber bullying are followed up and that support is given to both victim and perpetrator.
- To seek parental and peer-group support and co-operation at all times.

Implementation:

Staff at Currawa Primary School have the responsibility to ensure that:

- All forms of cyberbullying are prohibited at Currawa Primary School.
- Staff are aware of cyberbullying and are able to identify and look for signs of its occurrence among students.
- Students are aware of the consequences of cyberbullying.
- All cases of cyberbullying are reported to the Principal and responded to promptly.
- There is supervision of technology that is effective for monitoring and deterring cyberbullying.

Students at Currawa Primary School have the responsibility to ensure that they:

- Do not participate in cyberbullying.
- Do not use mobile phones, cameras or other digital devices to record audio and visual material that is not authorised as part of the school curriculum program.
- Do not breach the privacy of students, staff and members of the school community through any unauthorised recording or filming.
- Do not disseminate inappropriate information through digital media or other means.
- Report incidents of cyberbullying to a member of staff.
- Advise students being victimised by cyber bullying to talk to an adult.
- Offer to speak to an adult on behalf of the student who is being victimised by cyberbullying.

Students at Currawa Primary School are to obey the following rules:

- Never give anyone on the internet your name or address, your phone number or any other personal details. This includes the name of your school, your photo or any personal information about your friends or family.
- Never agree to meet up with someone that you meet online, meeting people online might be fun, but remember the people you meet online may not be who they say they are. Someone claiming to be a 12 year - old girl may be a 40 year-old man. Always keep your password a secret and never give it to anyone (even your best friend).
- If someone writes something rude or something that makes you feel uncomfortable in chat or email, leave the chatroom and don't respond to the email.
- Tell your parent or another adult you trust if you see upsetting language, nasty pictures or something scary on the internet.

REMEMBER TO ALWAYS BE CYBERSMART. Protect your privacy.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle.

Certification:

This policy was adopted at the School Council meeting held at Currawa Primary School on the _____ day of _____, 2014.

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School Council President

Principal