

Information Sheet for SEPS 1-1 Computer Program 2023

What does the school do to support eLearning

SEPS is very proud of its commitment to eLearning. Our program has been developing students' technical skills for 10 years through the use of in-classroom technology assets such as interactive whiteboards, iPads and a successful 1-1 laptop program.

eLearning sub-committee - SEPS has an eLearning School Council sub-committee that deals with both the 1-1 laptop program and in-classroom technology assets. The eLearning Coordinator is Ms Claire Parsons. If you have feedback, queries and issues for the sub-committee, you can send an email to the school and it will be forwarded to the eLearning Coordinator and/or the eLearning sub-committee.

Student support - Students are taught about cyber safety and responsible use of Digital Technologies. All students sign an Acceptable Use Agreement each year which must be read with a parent. Students also have an education session with Susan Mclean every second year.

<https://www.cybersafetysolutions.com.au/schools-session-for-primary-students/>

Technical support - The school employs a Part-time IT technician who resolves technical, network and device issues (except for BYOD).

What does the school do to support Cyber Safety

All laptops purchased through the LWT portal devices will be imaged prior to students using them for learning activities. Imaging refers to the installation of programs and features to each laptop to help provide a secure online learning environment for the students when at school.

Cyber Safety lessons, guest speakers and presentations will be run and can be accessed at SEPS at regular times throughout the school year.

Passwords

Laptops will be configured with a default password which is easy for the child to remember. If you would like your child to have a different password please email the school with this request.

BYOD - Many laptops now have additional methods of access, including finger-print recognition, facial recognition, and two-factor authentication. It is the parent or guardians responsibility to ensure other methods of access are appropriate for, and understood by, their child before activating these features.

Virus Protection

All computers installed with Windows 10 come enabled with Microsoft Defender Antivirus. Microsoft Defender Antivirus is approved by the DET to provide AntiVirus protection for student laptops. Microsoft Defender antivirus automatically updates when connected to a network.

DET Approved applications

The laptop (purchased through LWT) will be imaged with a Department of Education and Training (DET) software package called Edustar. All students in Levels 3-6 will be given their Office 365 credentials to access Teams and MS Office. A copy of MS Office can be downloaded from Office 365 for offline work on BYODs.

Online security – On-site Network

When a laptop is connected to the internet / network at SEPS, a filter developed by the DET is applied to the network to minimise access to inappropriate content. The filter is applied when the student connects to the network at school. Students are only permitted to use their laptop during class times when their access is monitored by their teacher.

Online security – Off-site/Home

The SEPS filter does not apply to internet access conducted away from the SEPS network. There are no filters or parental controls enabled on the imaged device and as such, internet access at home, at family and friends homes or via other networks may not be filtered or controlled.

It is the responsibility of parents and guardians to monitor and regulate their child's laptop usage and online access when the student is not connected to the SEPS network. Options include discussing internet security with children and being in the same room as the children while accessing the internet.

Alternatively, a home network filter or third party parental control software can be used. There are many available however the school does not recommend one over the other. **Please note that any third party non DET applications cannot be supported by the school technician and will need to be maintained by the parent.** Any questions on compatibility please email sandringham.east.ps@education.vic.gov.au

A few options are:

Family Zone - <https://www.familyzone.com/au/>

iKydz - <http://www.ikydz.com.au/>

Kaspersky - <https://www.kaspersky.com.au/safe-kids>

<https://www.techradar.com/news/the-best-free-parental-control-software>

Insurance

Insurance is available when purchasing a laptop through the SEPS's LWT Portal.

Insurance inclusions and exclusions are listed in the purchase (<https://www.lwt.com.au/SolutionNotebookInsurance.aspx>) and depend on the model and supplier or laptop.

Links to the LWT Portal and extra information can be found on the SEPS Website under the Learning tab.

For BYOD, it is the parents' responsibility to purchase insurance or self-insure the device.

Tech Issues

Any problems or issues with a child's laptop needs to be raised with the child's teacher first through the diary or note or student. Parents can also email the school with any concerns about their child's laptop, addressed to their class teacher.

For devices purchased through the LWT portal, your child's teacher will log a job for the school technician who will address the issue at the next opportunity. Our school technician is employed part-time through the Department of Education and Training.

Resources for Parents

Office of the eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Raising Children Network

http://raisingchildren.net.au/entertainment_technology/pre-teens_entertainment.html