



# *Atlantis Beach Baptist College*

## **Learning Technologies Policy**

Title of Policy/Procedure	<b>Learning Technologies Policy</b>
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## Rationale

Increasingly, research shows that students are motivated towards learning through the use of technology because it is visual, fast, automated, and interactive and addresses all ability levels. The use of learning technologies at ABBC, whether they be College owned, student owned or part of the BYOD program, seeks to transform the ways that students think and learn in order to give them more control over how, where and when they learn.

The use of learning technologies at ABBC will recognise that the students of today:

- live, socialise, communicate, work and play in a virtual landscape unlike any other throughout history
- have access to powerful learning tools in the form of smart phone, tablet and laptop technologies
- learn best in ways that are collaborative, connected, and global
- interact with information and global culture in increasingly sophisticated and demanding ways
- must develop a skill set which enables them to produce knowledge that is creative, intuitive, divergent and imaginative
- need to build, experience and refine their online profiles in ways that promote discernment, integrity, privacy and safety

ABBC is, then, determined to harness the technological opportunities available to us now so that we can build into the learning capacities of this digital generation.

The College will provide each student with a Learning Technologies Account, with the following benefits:

- a user name and password to access any College-owned, student computer
- a College email account
- access to the Internet
- access to individual storage for classwork

All students are expected to use this account and learning technologies related to it responsibly.

All students and their parents and/or legal guardians will need to read the information below and sign the *Learning Technologies Student User Agreement*, which will be found on the College Website and on SEQTA.

*In using learning technologies at the College, mobile phones and College-owned devices (such as desktop computers, laptops, iPods, cameras, etc.), students agree:*

1. to protect and respect the security and privacy of others
2. to never reveal or give out their own password nor use the password of another student
3. not to record others in the school, either in audio or visual format, without the explicit permission of the teacher in charge
4. to never knowingly compromise College systems or the network
5. not to install software of any type on any College-owned computer
6. to never change the settings, system files or applications found in or via the Control Panel of College owned equipment
7. to ensure that mobile phones are on silent and without vibration at all times
8. not to make or receive calls, texts or messages during College hours
9. not to access any sites containing material contrary to the ethos of the College
10. not to produce, store and/or transmit material contrary to the ethos of the College
11. not to use any technologies to defame, denigrate, harass and/or menace another person
12. to abide by the Cybersafety Guidelines outlined in the Student Handbook.
13. not to break copyright laws.
14. to balance the amount of time that they use technology with other activities in their life
15. to follow all teacher directions including when and where not to use their device

A student’s use of any learning technology at the College is a privilege and not a right. Students in breach of this User Agreement may be disqualified from using their device at school or, in severe circumstances where a pattern of breaches has occurred, have their enrolment status at the College reviewed.

**Students must read and sign the Learning Technologies Student User Agreement below:**

A Learning Technologies Account will not be opened for a student until this Agreement has been signed and returned.

A password must contain a minimum of six characters. At least one of these should be a number. It must not contain spaces or special characters. Avoid passwords that are easily identifiable.

Parent/Legal Guardian Agreement	Student Agreement
I/We have read the ABBC Learning Technologies Overview and the ABBC Learning Technologies Student User Agreement.	I have read the ABBC Learning Technologies Overview and the ABBC Learning Technologies Student User Agreement.
I/We understand that any breach of these agreements will be taken seriously by the College and may result in disciplinary action being taken.	I understand that any breach of these agreements will be taken seriously by the College and may result in disciplinary action being taken against me.
I/We have spoken with our child/children about this Overview and Agreement	I agree to abide by all other relevant laws and restrictions involving the use and access of learning technologies and resources.
Parent/Legal Guardian name .....	Student’s name .....
Signature .....	Signature .....
Date .....	Date .....