



'Striking the right balance between the **benefits** and **risks** of digital technology'

# Action Plan

## Review of non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools

Digital technology can empower authentic, meaningful, collaborative and engaged learning. It can help students connect, succeed and thrive. Educating students to be safe, responsible and respectful users of technology is an effective way to manage the risks.

The NSW Department of Education (Department) and NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) have delivered a combined response to the recommendations of an independent review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools.



## The Department and NESA have delivered:

- The Digital Citizenship platform, regularly updated with topical and informative resources for students, school staff and families.
- A new policy that delivers on the review's recommendation and NSW Government's commitment to restrict the use of mobile devices in NSW government primary schools.
- A range of resources and guidance materials to support implementation of the new policy in all NSW public schools.
- Reviews of schools' needs, research to inform policies, programs and practices, and evaluations of student learning and wellbeing outcomes, regularly conducted by the Department's Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation (CESE).



## The Department and NESA are committed to:

- Providing equitable access to online safety and digital citizenship resources for students and teachers.
- Implementing the review of the NSW curriculum.
- Exploring opportunities to enhance professional learning that supports teachers to be better equipped to educate students on digital citizenship and online safety.

- Supporting implementation of the new policy in all NSW public schools with additional resources and professional learning.
- Making the policy available to non-government schools that wish to adopt it.
- Ongoing support for the Office of the eSafety Commissioner and their online safety resources.
- Exploring opportunities to enhance professional learning for teachers and promote the e-Safety Commissioner's resources.



## Other government agencies and regulatory authorities are offering:

- Student-focussed online safety resources, to be developed by the Office of the eSafety Commissioner.
- An undertaking by the Commonwealth Government to evaluate the suite of digital licence products currently available.
- An Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for the Digital Child, to be established with support from the Commonwealth Government.



'Read the review into the non-educational use of mobile devices in NSW schools report

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/our-reports-and-reviews/mobile-devices-in-schools/review-into-the-non-educational-use-of-mobile-devices-in-nsw-schools>