

## Year 6 ePortfolio Policy

### 1. RATIONALE

When students identify their own learning goals and reflect upon their progress as they work towards their achievement, they develop as independent learners. An ePortfolio is a way of students documenting and recording their journey towards achieving personal learning goals. An online ePortfolio also provides opportunities for parents, teachers and other students to access content and provide feedback anywhere and anytime.

A year 6 classroom website / blog will provide further information to parents in regards to the learning programs in year six. This will include areas of focus in subject areas across the curriculum, homework requirements and key events related to year 6.

### 2. GOALS

- 2.1 To provide all Year 6 students with the opportunity to set goals and reflect on their learning in digital form.
- 2.2 To further develop skills within students to independently set learning goals, reflect on their progress and provide appropriate feedback to their peers.
- 2.3 To inform parents not only of their child's goals and progress, but also to share information about the teaching and learning program in Year 6.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION

- 3.1 'Weebly' is the online platform that is to be trialed to create year 6 classroom websites and student ePortfolios. Weebly was selected because:
  - of its ease to set up and use.
  - ePortfolios can be 'private'. This means that while they are published on the world wide web, they are only viewable to parties who have the password to the individual ePortfolio.
  - each comment from teachers, students and parents is moderated by teachers before being posted onto an ePortfolio.
  - there is no cost.
- 3.2 Initially, each 'blog post' from a student on their own site will need to be approved by the class teacher. Once students demonstrate an understanding of the protocols of posting responsibly, they will be able to do so independently.
- 3.3 An ePortfolio is all about student learning. Students will only post comments on other student's ePortfolios that relate to a learning reflection or provide constructive feedback. For example, students will work with their class to understand that comments such as 'cool', 'I like it' etc will not get posted onto ePortfolios. Comments such as "I liked reading your blog because ....." or 'have you considered trying ....' etc are expected to give appropriate feedback and support.
- 3.4 Reflections and comments on ePortfolios link to the school's Writing program. Teachers (moderators) will expect that spelling and grammar standards are applied to written content. 'Texting' language will not be used.
- 3.5 Photographs of students will not be used on student ePortfolios, avatars will be used instead.

#### NOTE:

Can students please download the app (free) Weebly Classic onto their iPad. This app can be located on the App Store under iPhone apps.

#### CLASS BLOGS:

**6C** - <http://tpps6c.weebly.com>

**6M** - <http://tpps6m.weebly.com>

**6T** - <http://tpps6t.weebly.com>

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