

Managing Devices

So my child has their MacBook or iPad. What do I do now?

When you take your MacBook or iPad out of the box they are ready to use and after some basic steps you are on your way. It seems pretty easy and it is. What you might not realise is that you can very simply modify the device to offer better protection and set some basic groundwork for use in your home.

Why set restrictions on my child's device?

Setting restrictions up on your child's device assists in protecting them from accessing information that is unsuitable for their age. It allows you to determine what can and can't be loaded onto their device and can restrict what Apps or programs they have access too. It is the first step to you managing what your children are exposed to and controlling how the device is used.

How do I set restrictions on my child's device?

MacBook

It is important that Cornish College is able to image your child's device. This allows software such as the Office Suite to be loaded and for the MacBook to be set up on the school system. If you choose to put restrictions in place before this has been completed then you will need to allow the school access in order for the process to be completed.

To be able to set up restrictions on a Mac you first need to identify the operating system that it is using.

1. Have your child log on to their device.
2. Click on the Apple symbol in the top left hand corner of the screen
3. Select 'About This Mac' to view operating system

Click on the appropriate link for instructions on your particular operating system.

[OS X Yosemite](#)

[OS X El Capitan](#)

By setting yourself up as an Administrator on your child's device and making your child a managed user you can manage, monitor, and control the time your child spends on their device, the websites they visit, and the people they chat with. If you have any trouble setting up your Parental Control Preferences you can click on Apple Support at the bottom of the linked pages.

iPad

You can use Restrictions, also known as parental controls, to block or limit specific apps and features on your iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, including access to explicit content in the iTunes Store. Please note that newer devices have a better range of restrictions available.

The Restrictions section of the iPad has a separate Passcode that should not be provided to children. This allows you to have control over what goes onto the device. It is important to remember to turn restrictions off when you want to modify the device.

Click on the link below for instructions:

[Setting Up Restrictions](#)

Is there anything else I should be doing?

As a parent, you want your children to have a safe and happy experience on their device. Cornish College runs a Next Generation Firewall that examines all web traffic and blocks inappropriate content for students. You can protect your home and devices too.

Open DNS

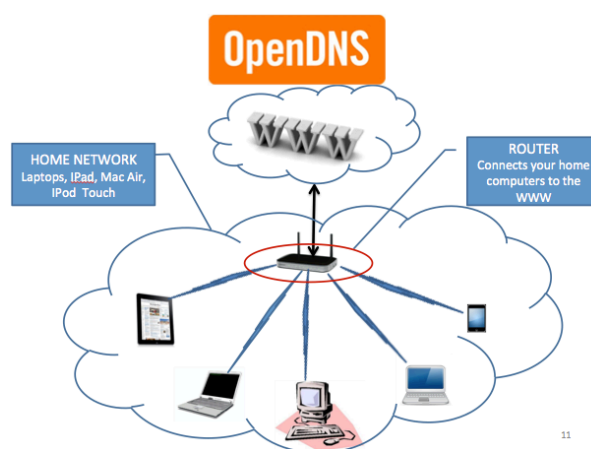
Open DNS is a free service that allows households to restrict access to online content through their router. Most households have a router used to access the internet. By setting restrictions through OpenDNS any device that connects to your network is subject to the restrictions that you set.

OpenDNS offers three different levels of protection.

- OpenDNS FamilyShield
- OpenDNS Home
- OpenDNS Home VIP

OpenDNS FamilyShield is the easiest to setup.

- Blocks 6 predefined categories
 - Pornography
 - Sexuality
 - Tasteless
 - Proxy
 - Phishing, Malware
- No account to configure.
- No settings to customize.
- No downloads or software to install.



All that is required is to change your 'router' DNS address to

208.67.222.123

208.67.220.123

For step by step instructions on how to set up your router and use OpenDNS click here:

<https://store.opendns.com/familyshield>

Monitored Device Protection Software

There is a great variety of monitored device protection software available and more and more being developed every day. For best quality the paid versions of these software options work best. This software usually has to be loaded onto individual devices but then can be monitored remotely from your device anywhere.

Products like NetNanny, SafeEyes, Mobicip and others provide parents with functions such as setting age restrictions for websites, videos, music, games etc. You can set time limits for internet and receive activity reports in real time. It is important to note that functions like instant messaging, chat room and email restrictions are a little outdated. Most products give you a trial period and it is important that you look around to see what best suits you.

What about my child's phone?

At Cornish College we understand that students of all ages may need access to a phone to contact parents outside of school. We also appreciate what a great tool a phone can be in learning at a secondary level. It is important to know, however, that if a phone is operating through its own 3G or 4G network it is not subject to the filtering of the school's network.

Technology changes quickly and Telstra, (and probably other carriers in the future) is offering parents the chance to manage their child's phone if they are under the same account through their Telstra Protect Program. This allows parents to remotely apply Internet filters, block nominated sites, restrict calls and SMS activity, set time restrictions and receive activity reports. By logging in online and selecting the option to manage your child's phone, you can have greater piece of mind. Contact Telstra for more information, or your mobile carrier to see if they can match this level of support.

But how do I restrict their use of the actual device?

The truth of the matter is that there is really no silver bullet. The best way of making sure that your child isn't lost in the world of technology is set consistent ground rules from the start.

Recognise that their online time is important to them and ask them to show you around. Take an interest in what they are doing. Talk openly about your concerns. Say no but explain why. Research and ask questions if you are unsure.

Don't believe that your child always knows what they are doing. Learning social rules online is just as difficult as offline. Let them know what to do when something goes wrong. Build trust so that they will tell you when something does go wrong.

Technology is changing every moment. It is hard to keep up. Educate yourself and work with your child to develop skills together. Take advantage of opportunities for learning. Enjoy time with your children.