

Supporting Student Safety in a Virtual Environment Using Video to Nurture a Sense of Belonging Tips for Parents

Types of Video and Benefits

- 1. Prerecorded Video or Audio:
 - <u>asynchronous</u> communication of a presentation or demonstration
 - not interactive in real time with presenter
 - allows for self-directed and self-paced viewing

2. Video Conferencing:

- <u>synchronous</u> communication that support two-way interaction in real time
- users meet via video or audio without having to be at a single location
- allows for feedback and questions to be addressed in real time

Keep in Mind when Engaging in Video Conferencing

- Secure a quiet space with minimal interruptions.
- **Prepare your child** prior to the conference. Have them prepare questions for the teacher in writing. Remind them to ask for clarification until they fully understand.
- **Ensure your child is comfortable** with their image being visible on the screen. If you or your child do not wish their image to be visible to others, you can choose to turn off the video feature.
- If your child is shy or uncomfortable participating in a video conference, discuss options with the teacher to problem-solve.



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Good Judgment While Using Video

It is everyone's responsibility to foster a caring, safe, inclusive and accepting learning environment, including when online.

Parents/Guardians and students are invited to review the following documents:

<u>Catholic Graduate Expectations</u>



- Signed Student Internet Agreements (<u>K-Gr 3</u>, <u>Gr 4-8</u>, <u>Gr 9-12</u>) as part of the <u>TCDSB Acceptable Use Policy A.29</u>
- <u>TCDSB Code of Conduct</u> and local school codes of conduct

Report incidents of inappropriate behaviour occurring online to the classroom teacher, vice-principal or principal.

Inappropriate student behaviour will be addressed by the school and may be subject to progressive discipline.

Resources

CAMH: Youth, Family Interactive Online Brochure **Psychology Foundation of Canada:** Managing Screen Time



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