

# Myth 1: DMA is meant to track my online activities and spy on me.

- DMA is not intended to spy on students. DMA does not track the following:
  - Login IDs and passwords entered into websites or into any applications
  - Actions performed (e.g. posts, online comments, items added to a shopping cart, etc.) when visiting websites and using apps
  - Documents and photos stored in the PLD
  - PLD location
  - Webcam videos and microphone recordings
- Information on your online activity such as URLs accessed by your PLD will be captured to allow for the filtering of harmful online content.



## Myth 2: DMA will have access to all my personal information and files stored on the PLD.

- Your personal identifiable data like passwords, addresses, and identification number will not be stored.
- Actions performed when visiting websites and using apps are not captured.
- DMA does not allow MOE, your school, or your teachers to remotely access folders or files on your PLD.



## **Myth 3: Anyone can easily access my personal data that is collected by DMA.**

- All user data collected by MOE will be stored in secure servers managed by appointed DMA vendors with stringent access controls.
- The government has put in place personal data protection laws and policies to safeguard sensitive data collected by public agencies.



## **Myth 4: With Whatsapp blocked, I will not be able to contact my teachers outside of lesson time.**

- Since the PLD is intended to be a device primarily for teaching and learning, the DMA restrictions create a safer digital environment for learning, with fewer distractions such as social media, that might otherwise detract from your learning.
- This is different from your other devices, including mobile phones, which are more typically used for leisure purposes.
- There are other platforms (e.g. iCON email) that you and your teacher can use to communicate outside school hours.



## Myth 5: I can only use the teaching and learning apps my school installed on my PLD.

- During school hours, you will only be able to use teaching and learning apps installed by your school.
- After school hours, you can use your PLD to pursue your own learning interests, even if they are not covered by your school's subject curricula and programmes.
- If your parents/guardians want to install additional learning software on your PLD, they can opt for the After-School DMA Parent **Option A or B**. This will allow them to install learning software for your use after school hours.

