

# Internet Policy



## Rationale:

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- The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion, and liaise with individuals, organisation and groups world-wide so as to increase skills, knowledge and abilities.
- Use of the Internet is for educational purposes.

## Aims:

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- To maximise learning opportunities and learning outcomes for students through increased access to interactive and global information.
- To develop skills necessary for safe, appropriate and effective internet usage

## Implementation:

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- 1.1 Our school actively supports access by students to a variety of information resources available, accompanied by the development of the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered.
- 1.2 All students and staff at our school have filtered internet and email access. All students and staff will have their own password protected internet account and log on. Such access is a privilege that infers responsibility, and not simply a right to be expected.
- 1.3 An Information, Technology and Communication Coordinator will be appointed, who will liaise with the Principal, staff and the technical support technician to manage all email access, maintenance of the school's web site, web filters, and all other issues related to internet access by students.
- 1.4 The school undertakes to ensure that information published on the Internet by students or the school is of a high standard, and meets DEECD legal requirements and standards of general practice.
- 1.5 Students email access will be through a class mailbox under teacher supervision.
- 1.6 All email accounts will be password protected and users will be responsible for clearing their mailboxes regularly.
- 1.7 Guidelines on access rights will be defined for different user levels. Restricted access shall be available to guest users for specific purposes only.
- 1.8 All students will be responsible for notifying their teacher of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- 1.9 All staff will be responsible for notifying the coordinator of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- 1.10 Consequences of publishing, accessing or failing to notify the coordinator of inappropriate material shall include the removal of access rights.

## **2 Acceptable Use of Internet**

- 2.1 Parents/Guardians and students must read, understand and sign the Acceptable Internet Use Agreement in order to gain access to the internet, or to publish work, photos or videos on the internet.
- 2.2 The Acceptable Internet Use Agreement shall be published on the school website.
- 2.3 Parents are provided with the Acceptable Internet Use Agreement and are expected to discuss the information within the kit with their child/ren.
- 2.4 Prep – 2: permission is signed by parent on behalf of student at enrolment.
- 2.5 Grade 3-6: students sign when they are in Grade 3.
- 2.6 Privacy of students, parents, staff and other users must be recognised and respected at all times. When identifying students, only the student's first name and last initial will be used.
- 2.7 Teachers will be responsible for making sure all work is screened for accuracy, appropriateness, grammar, spelling prior to publishing.

### **Evaluation:**

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This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School council on: