

INTERNET POLICY - JULY 2019

Rationale

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.

Aims

- To improve student learning outcomes by increasing access to worldwide information.
- To develop skills in discriminate and appropriate internet usage.

Implementation

- Our school actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources available, accompanied by the development of the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered.
- All students and staff at our school will have censorship 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.
- An internet coordinator will be appointed, who will liaise with staff and the technical support technician to manage all email access, maintenance of the school website, web filters, and all other issues related to internet access by students.
- The school undertakes the necessary steps to ensure information published on the Internet by students or the school is of a high standard, and meets legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community in relation to copyright, safety and decency.
- All email accounts will be password protected and users will be responsible for clearing their mailboxes regularly.
- All students/staff shall be responsible for notifying their teacher/coordinator of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- Consequences of publishing, accessing or failing to notify the coordinator of inappropriate material shall include the removal of access rights.
- Signed parent and student consent (see below) is required to be completed in order to gain access to the internet, or to publish work, photos or videos on the internet.
- 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.
- Teachers shall be responsible for making sure all work is screened for accuracy, appropriateness, grammar, spelling prior to publishing.

Related policies and resources

Other school policies which are connected with this policy are:

- Camera Policy 2017
- Personal Mobile Devices Policy (2019)
- Digital Technologies (Internet, Social Media and Digital Devices) (2019)
- Internet Procedures (2019)
- Anti Bullying & Cyber Bullying Policy (2019)

Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year policy review cycle or at times that the Principal forms the opinion that the policy warrants a review.

Ratified by School Council: 13 August 2019

Next review: August 2022