

## Acceptable Usage Policy

Students are responsible for appropriate behaviour on school computer networks just as they are in the normal classroom. Communications on the network are often public in nature. General school rules for behaviour and communications apply.

The network is provided for development of computer literacy skills, research, assignment preparation, communication and general class work. Access is a privilege, not a right. Access entails responsibility. It is presumed that users will comply with the school's standards and will honour the agreements they have signed.

Network users' directories may be used to store files and will be password protected to ensure a degree of privacy. The network administrator may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and to ensure the users are using the system in a responsible manner.

The following activities/procedures are **strictly not permitted**:

- alteration of computer desktop settings (hardware and software)
- movement or adjustment of peripherals (mice, printers, keyboards, headphones, etc)
- violation of copyright laws
- sending or displaying offensive messages or graphical images
- deliberate attempts to access illegal, dangerous or offensive material
- using others' passwords
- trespassing in others' folders, home directories or files
- internet access without the supervision of a teacher
- intentionally wasting limited resources
- employing the network for personal commercial purposes
- download files from the internet for the purpose of providing to an unauthorised third party
- subscription to listservs or newsgroups for purely personal interests
- engage in Internet Relay Chat (IRC) unless the session has been authorised by the network administrator or a teacher
- use WEB based email instead of the school allocated email account
- playing internet games or simply surfing websites for personal pleasure
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***Violations of the above policy may result at loss of access as well as other disciplinary or legal action.***