



Internet Usage

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RATONALE

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 that encourages 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 filtered internet access. Such access is a privilege that infers responsibility, and not simply a right to be expected.
- The school undertakes to ensure that 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.
- Guidelines on access rights will be defined for different user levels. Restricted access shall be available to guest users for specific purposes only.
- All students shall be responsible for notifying their teacher of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- All staff shall be responsible for notifying the Principal of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- Consequences of publishing, accessing or failing to notify the Principal or teacher 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.

EVALUATION

The *Internet Usage Policy* will be reviewed regularly, as part of the school's policy review process.