

INTERNET POLICY

Rationale

- Exposure to a variety of information sources is essential if we are to prepare young people for life in a world in which information communication technology is changing at an accelerating rate.
- The ability to learn and evaluate is essential for all.
- The Internet is a Global Network of computers providing users with the ability to share information rapidly and inexpensively. It is most commonly accessed as the World Wide Web, which provides access to massive databases of up-to-date information. Students under supervision will also be able to use the facility of Electronic Mail or Email. Not all the information available is good or useful and users need to be taught how to make effective and appropriate use of the net, how to protect themselves and how to keep abreast of its development.

Guidelines

Teachers may incorporate Internet usage when preparing and planning using the Australian Curriculum taking into consideration that the Internet is another information resource and should be considered as an extension of the School Facilities.

Our aim is to develop independent and discerning learners who are able to:

- define the purpose for which information is required
- locate appropriate sources of information
- select relevant information from sources
- understand and appreciate information from several sources
- present information in an appropriate way
- acknowledge the work of others through quotations and citations, while being honest about what has been personally contributed.

Implementation

With regard to student use of the Internet, the following applies:

- The school's provision of Internet access is solely for educational purposes, not for recreational or personal use
- While most of the vast amount of information on the Internet is suitable for student access, inappropriate material does exist. It is not possible to restrict student access to all unsuitable Internet material by using hardware or software means. It is the student's responsibility to behave sensibly and with maturity
- Inappropriate use of computer Internet may result in the withdrawal of the privileges associated with the computer and Internet use
- Students will be required to sign an Internet contract
- Teachers are required to monitor and supervise student use of the internet.

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Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle in March 2025

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