



Advice for State Schools on Acceptable Use of School ICT Facilities and Devices

This advice supports the [Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\) Procedure](#).

Acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student

It is acceptable for students while at school to:

- Use school mobile devices (eg laptops and iPads) for
 - assigned class work and assignments set by teachers
 - developing appropriate literacy, communication and information skills
 - authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the intranet or internet for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school
 - conducting general research for school activities and projects
 - communicating or collaborating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work
 - accessing online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.
 - researching and learning through the department's eLearning environment
- be courteous, considerate and respectful of others when using a school mobile device
- switch off and place out of sight the school mobile device during classes, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning

Unacceptable/inappropriate use/behaviour by a student

It is unacceptable for students while at school to:

- use the school mobile device in an unlawful manner
- download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- use of obscene, inflammatory, racist, discriminatory or derogatory language
- use language and/or threats of violence that may amount to bullying and/or harassment, or even stalking
- insult, harass or attack others or use obscene or abusive language
- deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- damage computers, printers or network equipment
- commit plagiarism or violate copyright laws
- ignore teacher directions for the use of social media, online email and internet chat
- send chain letters or spam email (junk mail)
- knowingly download viruses or any other programs capable of breaching the department's networks security
- use in-device cameras anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets



- invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, texting, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
- use a school owned mobile device (including those with Bluetooth functionality) to cheat during exams or assessments
- take or use mobile devices during exams or class assessment unless expressly permitted by school employees.

Sign-off

Student:

I understand that the school's information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices provide me with access to a range of essential learning tools, including access to the internet. I understand that the internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to the school's ICT facilities and devices: I will use it only for educational purposes; I will not undertake or look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive; and I will not reveal my password or allow anyone else to use my school account.

Specifically in relation to internet usage, should any offensive pictures or information appear on my screen I will close the window and immediately inform my teacher quietly, or tell my parents/guardians if I am at home.

If I receive any inappropriate emails at school I will tell my teacher. If I receive any at home I will tell my parents/guardians.

When using email or the internet I will not:

- reveal names, home addresses or phone numbers – mine or that of any other person
- use the school's ICT facilities and devices (including the internet) to annoy or offend anyone else.

I understand that my online behaviours are capable of impacting on the good order and management of the school whether I am using the school's ICT facilities and devices inside or outside of school hours.

I understand that if the school decides I have broken the rules for using its ICT facilities and devices, appropriate action may be taken as per the school's *Behaviour Management Policy*, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for a period of time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the *Code of School Behaviour*.

I agree to abide by the above rules / the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

_____ (Student's name)

_____ (Student's signature) _____ (Date)



Parent or guardian:

I understand that the school provides my child with access to the school's information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices (including the internet) for valuable learning experiences. In regards to internet access, I understand that this will give my child access to information on computers from around the world; that the school cannot control what is on those /computers; and that a small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend upon responsible use by students/my child. Additionally, I will ensure that my child understands and adheres to the school's appropriate behaviour requirements and will not engage in inappropriate use of the school's ICT facilities and devices.

I understand that the school does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered to personal mobile devices as a result of using the department's facilities and devices. Further, no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school's/department's negligence.

I believe _____ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access and use the school's ICT facilities and devices (including the internet) under the school rules. I understand where inappropriate online behaviours negatively affect the good order and management of the school, the school may commence disciplinary actions in line with this user agreement or the *Behaviour Management Policy*. This may include loss of access and usage of the school's ICT facilities and devices for some time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the *Code of School Behaviour*.

I agree to abide by the above rules / the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

_____ (Parent/Guardian's name)

_____ (Parent/Guardian's signature) _____ (Date)

The Department of Education and Training through its *Information Management (IM) Procedure* is collecting your personal information in accordance with the *Education General Provisions Act 2006* in order to ensure:

- appropriate usage of the school network
- appropriate usage of personal mobile devices within the school network.

The information will only be accessed by authorised school employees to ensure compliance with its *Information Management (IM) Procedure*. Personal information collected on this form may also be disclosed to third parties where authorised or required by law. Your information will be stored securely. If you wish to access or correct any of the personal information on this form or discuss how it has been dealt with, please contact your child's school. If you have a concern or complaint about the way your personal information has been collected, used, stored or disclosed, please also contact your child's school.