



COMPUTER AND NETWORK USAGE AGREEMENT

Student Resource Scheme 2023

STUDENT NAME: _____

Year Level in 2023: _____

Care Group: _____

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 signature)

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. Furthermore I will advise the school if any inappropriate material is received by my student/child that may have come from the school or from other students.

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)

PLEASE RETURN THIS AGREEMENT TO THE OFFICE AT PROSERPINE STATE HIGH SCHOOL

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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

What is acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student?

It is acceptable for students to -

- use devices 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 mobile device
- switch off and place out of sight the mobile device during classes, where these devices are not being used in a teacher directed activity to enhance learning
- use personal mobile device for private use before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks
- seek teacher's approval where they wish to use a mobile device under special circumstances.

What is unacceptable/inappropriate use/behaviour by a student?

It is unacceptable for students to:

- use the 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 software, games, 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
- invade someone's privacy by recording personal conversations or daily activities and/or the further distribution (e.g. forwarding, uploading, Bluetooth use etc.) of such material
- create, participate in or circulate content that attempts to undermine, hack into and/or bypass the hardware and/or software security mechanisms that are in place
- disable settings for virus protection, spam, monitoring software and/or internet filtering that have been applied as part of the school computer image
- use language and/or threats of violence that may amount to bullying and/or harassment or even stalking
- use the device's camera anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate including classroom, change rooms or toilets
- use the technology device to cheat during exams
- take into or use technology devices at exams or during class assessment unless expressly permitted by school staff

What awareness is expected of students and their parents?

At all times students, while using these ICT facilities and devices, will be required to act in line with the requirements of the *Code of School Behaviour* and any specific rules of their school. In addition students and their parents should:

- understand the responsibility and behaviour requirements that come with accessing the school's ICT network facilities
- ensure they have the skills to report and discontinue access to harmful information if presented via the internet or email
- be aware that:
 - access to ICT facilities and devices provides valuable learning experiences for students and supports the school's teaching and learning programs
 - ICT facilities and devices should be used appropriately as outlined in the Code of School Behaviour
 - students who use a school's ICT facilities and devices in a manner that is not appropriate may be subject to disciplinary action by the school, which could include restricting network access
 - despite internal departmental controls to manage content on the internet, illegal, dangerous or offensive information may be accessed or accidentally displayed
 - teachers will always exercise their duty of care, but avoiding or reducing access to harmful information also requires responsible use by the student.

**This information is to be read each year and
students sign their agreement to abide by school guideline**