



STUDENT INTERNET USE POLICY

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary school has a commitment to the care, safety and wellbeing of children.

STUDENT INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY

All students and teachers at Sacred Heart School have the opportunity of gaining free access to the Internet during school hours.

At Sacred Heart School we believe that the Internet provides an invaluable extension to the information resources available at the school. Therefore, students should have the same rights of access to this information resource as they do to other resources in the school, for example, the school library. However, all rights carry a responsibility and this responsibility applies to access to the Internet in a different way than it would to the use of library resources.

At Sacred Heart School any student accessing the Internet will have the responsibility to:

- Use Internet access for appropriate use only. Appropriate use at Sacred Heart School is regarded as use for educational purposes in the pursuit of learning and knowledge in accordance with the directions or guidance of a teacher.
- Appropriate use of the Internet at Sacred Heart School does not include student use of chat lines.
- Appropriate use of the Internet at Sacred Heart School excludes students from downloading of any software from the Internet unless specifically directed to by a supervising teacher.
- Exercise acceptable standards of language, manners and behaviour while using the Internet. Standards of acceptable language, manners and behaviour are those that apply throughout the school. These standards are outlined in the school rules.
- Undertake never to make known or use another person's Email or Network user name or password.
- Accept that the supervising teacher has editorial control over what students publish on the Internet during school hours.
- Accept any disciplinary measures for breach of the Internet Student Acceptable Use Policy in regard to inappropriate use of the Internet.
- Agree to use Email for educational purposes only and to accept the guidance of a supervising teacher as to what constitutes educational purposes.
- Undertake to acknowledge reference sources for all materials accessible on the Internet for use in assignments and research projects. Copyright remains with the authors of material published on the Internet and students must acknowledge these sources to the best of their ability.

- Undertake never to publish personal details about themselves or others on the internet.
- Acknowledge that plagiarism is not acceptable.

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Resources

Evaluation

This policy will reviewed as part of the school's four-year review cycle.

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**SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PARISH PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

1:1 Program

**Outline
&
Expectations**

**YEAR 5 and 6
STUDENTS**

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1. Appropriate Use of Resources

Information Communication Technology (ICT) is a wonderful tool for learning. The use of the ICT however, is a privilege, not a right and inappropriate use could result in the loss of this privilege. The Agreement applies to all devices that access the Internet and/or store information electronically.

2. Damage

Vandalism or damage to ICT, either deliberate or through neglect will result in cancellation of all privileges and the possibility of replacing damaged items. Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy equipment or data of another user, Primary School ICT hardware and software and computing rooms. This includes the transmission of computer viruses, theft of hardware and software.

3. Accessing Inappropriate Material

Students will not use the ICT to access material that is inappropriate, profane or obscene (pornography) that advocates illegal acts, or that advocates violence or discrimination towards other people. If a student mistakenly accesses inappropriate material, she/he should immediately inform the supervising teacher. This will protect the student against a claim that such access was intentional.

4. Chat Rooms/ Newsgroups/ Messaging

Students are not permitted to use instant messaging or social networking sites during the school day.

5. Good Cyber-Citizenship

- Students are expected to abide by the generally accepted rules of network etiquette when using Emails or other messaging systems. These include:
- Being polite. Do not get abusive in your messages to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, or use any inappropriate language.
- Not revealing your personal address or phone number, or the address or phone number of the Primary School or members of the Primary School community.
- Not using the network in such a way to cause disruption or harm to other users.
- Not using Primary School resources to spam or mass mail others.
- Not injuring the reputation of the school or those within the school community.
- Not using the internet to harass or bully others.
- Not using the internet to impersonate someone.
- Not use or knowingly access inappropriate digital images, audio and video.

6. Occupational Health and Safety

- When using the MacBook, place it on a table.
- Never place the MacBook on your lap, as the transmission from the MacBook may be harmful to sensitive organs.
- Sit at the correct height to allow your elbows to be bent at right angles and your wrists straight. Your hands and wrist must clear the desk and keyboard, with only your fingers touching the keys. Take a break every 30 minutes of use.

7. Storage of Work

Students are responsible for the careful storage and backing up of their own work. The Primary School accepts no responsibility for files lost or altered due to problems with our infrastructure or hardware. Hard drives (MacBook) or cloud storage (Google Drive) may be treated like school lockers in that Staff may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on their MacBook are private.

8. No Expectation of Privacy

The school retains control, custody and supervision of all computers, networks and Internet services owned or leased by the school. The school reserves the right to monitor all computer and Internet activity by students.

Students have no expectation of privacy in their use of school computers, including email and stored files.

9. Cyberbullying and Defamation

The Police Force defines cyberbullying as “the use of email, instant messaging, chat rooms, pagers, cell phones or other forms of information technology to deliberately harass, threaten, or intimidate someone.”

Australian defamation law dictates that a person is guilty of defamation when: “a person who 'publishes' and assertion of fact or a comment that: Injures - or, importantly, is 'likely' to injure - the personal, professional, trade or business reputation of an individual or a company: Exposes them to ridicule; or Cause people to avoid them.”

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School recognises that the majority of cyberbullying cases occur outside of its controlled network. However to ensure that students and parents are aware of cyberbullying and the correct actions to take, this policy includes protection for its own name, crest, students and teacher.

If a case of cyberbullying affects a student outside of the school's boundaries the following course of action should be taken:

- The student immediately informs his/her parents/carers;
- The student immediately informs the school;
- The abuse is reported to the website owner or webmaster;
- If the concern is considered very serious then the police should be informed immediately.

A case of cyberbullying/defamation against SACRED HEART staff member or the Primary School occurs if:

- A video or image of a SACRED HEART Primary School staff member is placed on a public website without the permission of the staff member;
- Information about a staff member including their name is placed on a public website without the permission of the staff member;

- The **Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School** name or crest is published on a public website without the written permission of the Principal.

The Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School will not tolerate students using ICT to bully or harass others. Students found engaging in such activities will be dealt with in the strongest possible terms.

Annual cybersafety sessions are conducted for students, staff and parents.

10. Downloading Etiquette

Students will not download large files unless it is absolutely necessary, Check with your teacher before proceeding. Each year level will have a specified amount that students in that year level can download.

11. Copyright

Students must not copy data found on the Internet. Plagiarism is taking the ideas or writings of others and presenting them as if they were your own. In completing assignments, references to such sources should be provided in the bibliography.

- Students will respect the rights of copyright holders. In some cases infringing copyright is illegal. Copyright infringement occurs when you inappropriately reproduce a work that is protected by copyright. Copyright includes but is not limited to:
- Copying software owned by the Primary School or by using Primary School resources;
- Downloading software without direct approval of a staff member;
- Copying images. clip art or art works;
- Using Primary School ICT resources to obtain program cracks;
- Installing unauthorised software on Primary School computers;
- Downloading or copying music / video from the Internet or CD.

12. Protection of Identity

Students should make every effort to protect their identity through email and the internet. That information includes name, age, address, phone number, photographs for parents' names. Identity theft is a growing problem and it is better to safeguard your information.

Note: Student IDs should be represented with an avatar.

13. Personal Devices

- Personal devices are not to be brought to school unless a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School staff has given written permission. Any personal devices brought to school are not the responsibility of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School.
- Videos/images of Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School name/crest/staff and students are not to be stored on personal electronic devices.

14.Passwords

Students have been given a password and it is your responsibility to keep it secret. If anyone finds out your password, it is your responsibility to change this immediately. At no stage whatsoever are you to use another individual's login and password.

15.Email

The use of email during class is prohibited unless authorised by your class teacher. Chain letters of any kind and spam are prohibited. Chain letters are defined as any e-mail message asking you to pass information or messages on to other individuals or groups via e-mail. Students are prohibited from accessing anyone else's email account. E-mail etiquette should be observed. In general, only messages that one would communicate to the recipient in person should be written. Only approved mail programs may be used for student mail. School email addresses are not to be given to ANY websites, companies, or other third parties without the explicit permission of the I.C.T. Coordinator. Only school-related attachments may be sent on the school email system.

16.Audio and Video

Audio on computers should be turned off unless required for the activity being conducted. Listening to music either aloud or with earphones is not permitted in class unless required for the activity being conducted or class teacher gives permission. When sound is needed, headphones provided by the student must be used. The use of MacBooks to watch movies and DVD videos, unless assigned by a teacher is not permitted during the school day. Any audio or video recording may be done only with the prior permission of all parties being recorded. Sharing of music (including iTunes music sharing) over the school network is strictly prohibited and is subject to appropriate consequences. This includes music on any external storage devices.

17.Games

The viewing and/or playing of electronic games is not permitted during school hours except as part of an assigned, in-class activity. The school reserves the right to remove any game from a school computer that is considered inappropriate or impedes the educational purpose of the MacBook program. No games that are "played" over the school network are allowed. Games that include violence, adult content, inappropriate language, and weapons are not to be installed or "played" on school computers, including the MacBooks. Screensavers that include gaming components are not allowed.

18.MacBooks

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School provided MacBook's must be in a student's possession or secured in a locked classroom in the MacBook Recharge Cupboards at all times. They must not be lent to other students or family members. MacBook's must be carried and transported appropriately on school grounds in their approved cases at all times. No food or drinks should be in the vicinity of the MacBook's. MacBook's should be handled with respect and care. MacBook's are not to be written on, to have stickers applied to them, or to be defaced in any way. Don't remove, move or write on the identification sticker on your MacBook. Don't remove, move or write on the Bag ID tag attached to your MacBook bag.

19. Network Access

Students must not make any attempt to access network information that is not open to the public. The utilization of proxy avoidance IP numbers and programs is strictly prohibited. Students may not use the school network for personal or private business reasons. Students are not to knowingly degrade or disrupt online services. This includes tampering with computer hardware or software, vandalizing data, invoking computer viruses, attempting to gain access to restricted or unauthorized network services, or violating copyright laws. SACRED HEART Primary School is not responsible for damaged or lost data transferred through our network or stored on MacBooks, computers, or our file servers.

20. File Sharing

File sharing is the public or private sharing of computer data or space. Any program that creates a point-to-point connection between two or more computing devices for the purpose of sharing data is considered file sharing. File sharing of any kind is prohibited both at school and at home. The only exception to this is when it is a specific assignment given by the ICT coordinator. The only exception for file sharing is the use of GAFE and AirDrop for educational purposes only.

21. Downloading and Loading of Software

All installed software must be a legally licensed copy. The downloading of music files, video files, games, etc. through the school's network is absolutely prohibited unless it is part of an assigned, in-class activity. The school reserves the right to remove any software that has been loaded onto the computer that impedes the educational purpose of the MacBook program. Copyrighted movies may not be "ripped" from DVDs and placed on the MacBooks nor may copyrighted movies be downloaded to the MacBooks from the Internet. Only commercial videos (such as television programs) legally purchased from the iTunes music store or another like entity may be downloaded to the MacBooks.

22. Screensavers and Desktop

School rules and the Sacred Heart emblem are to be used only. Inappropriate or copyrighted media may not be used as a screensaver. Presence of weapons, pornographic materials, inappropriate language, alcohol, drug, gang related symbols or pictures will result in disciplinary actions.

23. Internet Use

The Internet is a rich and valuable source of information for education. Inappropriate materials are available on the Internet and are strictly prohibited. These materials include items of a sexual or pornographic nature, extremist or militant materials, gambling, depictions of violence, images that are intended to be abusive or harassing, etc.

Students must not access, display, or store this type of material, Students are required to give proper credit to all Internet sources used in academic assignments, whether quoted or summarized, This includes all forms of media on the Internet, such as graphics, movies, music, and text. Plagiarism includes the use of any information obtained from the Internet that is not properly cited. Plagiarism of Internet resources will be treated in the same manner as any other

incidences of plagiarism, If a student accidentally accesses a website that contains obscene, pornographic or otherwise offensive material, he/she is to notify a teacher or ICT Coordinator as quickly as possible so that such sites can be blocked from further access, This is not merely a request; it is a responsibility.

24. Consequences

The school reserves the right to enforce appropriate consequences for the violation of any section of the ICT Outline and Expectations Policy. Such consequences could include the loss of privileges on a Macbook, the loss of the use of the computer for an amount of time determined by the administration and members of the Technology Department, possible disciplinary action, and possible legal action.

These consequences apply to students participating in the MacBook program at SACRED HEART Primary School as well as to students who are using the school's MacBooks and computers at school.

Computers with illegal or inappropriate software or materials on them will be reformatted or "reimaged_" This amount may be increased for repeat violations. In the case of repeated MacBook abuse and/or damages, the school has the right to revoke the use of the school's MacBook.

Students are to report any known violations of this ICT Outline and Expectations Policy to appropriate administrative staff members. Random checks of student MacBooks will be conducted throughout the year to ensure that these policies are being followed.

SACRED HEART Primary School takes no responsibility for activities conducted on school computers and MacBooks or materials stored on computers, MacBook, or the school's network.

If you are unsure about the application of any of the above rules, check with your teacher first.

25. Specific to MacBook

- I will adhere to the terms of the ICT Outline and Expectations Policy,
- I will not scratch, write on or stick anything on the MacBook.
- I will keep the MacBook in its protective case when not being used.
- I will make the MacBook available for inspection by an adult upon request,
- I will use appropriate language in all communications.
- I will abide by copyright laws.
- I will use my legal name in all educational activities.
- I will not give out personal information.
- I will not change or attempt to change the configuration of the software.
- I will report all problems and damage immediately to a teacher
- I will not download any programs from the Internet or other sources.
- I will not attempt to remove any program or files on the MacBook except for personal documents.
- I will not attempt to repair, alter or make additions to the MacBook.
- I will be a good online citizen (no harassing or bullying),
- I will not allow any person other than myself to use the MacBook, which has been loaned to me.
- I will not bring external USB/flashdrive from home

26.PARENT/STUDENT AGREEMENT

SACRED HEART Primary School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied for the service it is providing.

The Primary School does not have control of the information on the Internet. Certain sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. The Internet user is responsible for NOT pursuing material that could be considered offensive.

The Primary School specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its service and assumes no responsibility for any damages you suffer. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, service interruptions or alterations, even if these disruptions arise from circumstances under the control of the Primary School.

It is also understood that the Primary School checks student activity, on a random basis, both on the Internet through 'monitoring systems' and whilst students are on the computer. As an added safety feature, any emails that are sent which contain profane language are blocked and are sent to the Primary School Administration email address and are dealt with according to the terms of this policy. These monitoring devices have been put in place to ensure your son/daughter's safety whilst using the ICT facilities available at **SACRED HEART**.

Before using the SACRED HEART Primary School Internet and Computer network facility, both the student and a parent/carer must sign below indicating that you and your child are aware of and agree to abide by the above requirements.

You also understand that from time to time the Primary School can make amendments to the policy. Any amendments will be communicated through the Primary School Newsletter.

When we are Safe, Smart and Responsible technology users, we use our Heart and Head to help us make the right choice.

PLEASE SIGN AND RETURN TO SACRED HEART

27. Agreement:

I have read and understand the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School ICT Outlines and Expectations Policy. I agree to act within the parameters of this agreement at all times. I understand that this specifies that the MacBook loaned to me is a privilege not a right.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

I have read the Sacred Heart Catholic Parish Primary School ICT Outlines and Expectations Policy and will work with my Son / Daughter to ensure it is upheld. I understand that this specifies that the MacBook loaned to my child is a privilege not a right.

Parent Name: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Date: _____