

St Patrick's Catholic Primary School Asquith



Internet and Network Services Policy

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WHAT IS THE INTERNET?

The Internet is a world-wide connection of computers and computer networks. People who are connected can readily access information and communicate with others in a global setting.

WHY USE THE INTERNET IN TEACHING AND LEARNING?

As outlined in our current syllabus documents from the NSW Board of Studies, children are required to be proficient users of technology in the Primary School, including E-mail and Internet. It is therefore important for children to develop information literacy and communication skills in order to become efficient and discerning Internet users. When used with effective teaching and learning strategies, the Internet can expand the range of learning opportunities in all key learning areas from Kindergarten to Year 6.

The use of the Internet in teaching and learning supports student-centred learning: it promotes the development of information and communication skills and encourages collaboration, creativity and critical thinking. The multimedia presentation of the Internet suits a range of teaching and learning styles and can be highly motivating for students.

STUDENT ACCESS TO INTERNET

At St Patrick's we have all classrooms networked to enable Internet connection and E-mail access via the diocesan intranet. This intranet allows communication to occur both within the school and with the wider world.

All students will need parental permission to use the Internet and to have any work or photographs published on our school web site.

Children need to understand that they must be responsible whilst using the Internet at school, and that they will be denied access should they not adhere to the St Patrick's guide for users. Parents will need to discuss these guidelines with their children at home before signing the agreement.

ICLT student code of conduct agreements are completed each year in each grade. Roles and responsibilities of students, parents, staff and school are outlined on the agreements.

It is anticipated that the opportunities to access technology being provided by St Patrick's School will greatly benefit children, teachers and parents, and that our children will become competent and responsible Internet users.

ST PATRICK'S INTERNET GUIDELINES

Students at St Patrick's MUST adhere to the following guidelines and be responsible Internet users at all times.

Internet:

- My access to the Internet is given to me on the condition that I act responsibly and in a manner that is of educational benefit to my peers and myself.
- I will follow the code of conduct
- I have the right to equal access to the Internet.
- I have the right to safety of others and myself.
- I have the right for my own work to remain my property and for it not to be copied without permission.
- I MUST only use the Internet under adult supervision.
- I am aware of copyright and will not copy any work without permission.
- I will take care with the school's equipment and will report any problems to a teacher.
- I will maintain computer settings and never change them.

E-mail:

- I will use appropriate manners and language when sending E-mail and am aware that I can be easily identified.
- I will not, at any time, reveal my own or other people's personal details.
- I will not arrange to meet anybody I have communicated with through E-mail as they may not be who they say they are and my personal safety could be compromised.

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