

# Student Agreement for Computer Use

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The following are the terms and conditions governing the student use of the computer network and its related facilities and resources. It is strongly recommended that both the student and the parent / guardian read the agreement as both are required to sign the agreement and return the agreement form to the school. The student will not be given access to the computer network until the agreement is signed and returned.

## Communication

- *Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act (1991)* states that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly: Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier to menace or harass another person; or Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive. Breaches of this section of the Act can carry severe penalties for those found guilty.
- **All communication** with others should be respectful and accurate (Always type in lower case).
- Antisocial behaviours are unacceptable. Your communications will not contain obscene comments, sexually explicit material, expressions of bigotry and hate, abusive language or vulgarities.
- Harassment of other persons is unacceptable.
- Privacy is not assured in the use of Internet services. Internet mail can be intercepted and read by complete strangers. Any mail sent to an electronic mail address is potentially a public document. Students are not to reveal home addresses or phone numbers to any Internet sites, nor the address or phone number of any other student.
- Student photos on any school web page must be nameless and permission must be gained from the parents / guardians authorising their use. Students are not to use the photos of any other student on school web pages.
- E-mail access is provided to allow students to forward their own school documents to home to allow further research and work. E-mail is not provided for personal chat or correspondence and its use in this manner is not permitted. Inappropriate use of email may result in withdrawal of email access for a period of time.

## Acceptable Use

- School computers can only be used for school related educational purposes.
- Internet access is provided to students for school related educational purposes only. Private use must be arranged elsewhere. Private use includes playing or down loading games, down loading music, private e-mail, using chat lines, accessing sites not related to assignments or course work.
- Publications dealing with illegal activities, pornography or extreme violence are not to be accessed or down loaded.
- Use of commercial activities (advertising, buying or selling) is not permitted.
- Use of another organisation's networks or computing services must comply with rules appropriate to that network.
- It is forbidden to copy school software under any circumstances. To do so is regarded as theft.

## Copyright

- Use of material on the Internet is regulated by Copyright law, therefore copying and/or redistributing another's work or using another's work should only be done with permission from the copyright owner.
- Students using information gained from the Internet in an assignment must acknowledge that source and reference that source in a bibliography (list of resources used). Students can find information on how to do this by obtaining the *Bibliographies and Citations* document from the Library.

## Personal Responsibility

- The use of computer facilities is an educational tool made available at Wellington Point State High School by agreement between the school and the student/parent/guardian. It is not a right. Inappropriate use of the computer network, hardware, software and/or facilities could result in a temporary or permanent cancellation of access to those facilities. Additional disciplinary action may also be taken according to the school's Responsible Behaviour Plan for Students.
- Students will accept personal responsibility for their behaviour while using any of the school's computer facilities.
- Students are expected to follow the guidelines for computer use in the computer laboratories, the school library or when using any curriculum computer in any part of the school.
- Students must report any breach of the network to their teacher. Failure to do so could be viewed as collaboration. Misuse can include vandalism, breaches of security and inappropriate use of the Internet. This can be the use of inappropriate language, or any message or file, sent or received, that indicates or suggests pornography, unethical behaviour, racism or sexism.
- Students are allocated a set amount of paper for printing purposes. Once this allocation is used students may purchase further print allocation, minimum \$5 through the Student Services Office.

## Security

- Students will not be able to use floppy disks or CD ROMs on the school network.
- Each student has a network logon and password. The password is your personal password and is not to be shared with any other student. The security of your files is your responsibility. Your password provides this security. Disclosing your password to another student will be viewed as a breach of security.
- No student has the right to access another student's file or to access programs that are not curriculum programs or programs or files that reside on the administration network. If a student accidentally accesses material which is not theirs, it must be immediately reported to the class teacher. If a security problem is identified, students must notify the supervising teacher. Students will only demonstrate the problem to a teacher, never to another student.

## Vandalism

- Vandalism is defined as a malicious attempt to harm or destroy data of another user or any agencies or networks that are connected to the school network.
- Vandalism also includes the uploading, downloading or creation of computer devices.
- Vandalism also includes careless or abusive treatment of any equipment.
- Any vandalism will result in the loss of computer access, disciplinary action as outlined in the school's Behaviour Management Policy and possible legal referral. The removal of any part of a computer system is theft.



## Student Agreement for Computer Use Contract

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### ***Student to read and complete:***

I \_\_\_\_\_ (*Student's name*) have read, understand and agree to the conditions governing Computer Use at Wellington Point State High School (see over) I agree to use school computers and the Internet for school / assignment / subject research purposes only.

I understand that if I disregard the conditions as detailed in the Student Agreement for Computer Use, I may lose my network access and/or e-mail access and be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the school.

Student Name:.....Class:.....

Student Signature:.....Date:...../...../.....

### ***Parent/Guardian to read and complete:***

I believe \_\_\_\_\_ (*Student's name*) understands the conditions governing computer use at Wellington Point State High School and I hereby give permission for him / her to access the Internet and E-mail according to the school rules. I understand that students who disregard the conditions as detailed in the Student Agreement for Computer Use may lose network access and/or e-mail access and be subject to further disciplinary action as determined by the school.

Parent / Guardian Name:.....

Parent / Guardian Signature:..... Date:...../...../.....