



St Andrew's School

ICT Acceptable Usage Policy

PURPOSE

"The digital world is characteristic of the contemporary world...the web and social networks have created a new way to communicate and bond...Yet to understand this phenomenon as a whole, we need to realise that, like every human reality, it has its share of limitations and deficiencies." Pope Francis, Christus vivit, 2019.

Access to digital technologies, including the internet, is provided to students and staff at St Andrew's School because digital information and communication are important mediums for contemporary learning and teaching and administration. Within Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS), a range of technology platforms, such as the Integrated Catholic Online Network (ICON) provide access to a suite of digital technologies. The information, communication and learning technologies used by students in classrooms will be appropriate to the age and development of our students. These technologies are used to support professional learning and the development of networks within and between St Andrew's School and other schools for professional learning. They also enable effective communication with our parents and allow them to participate in their children's education, working in partnership with teachers.

In using and managing internet and network services, students and staff at St Andrew's School are expected to respect the rights and privacy of all persons. They are called upon to respect the dignity of every human person. St Andrew's along with parents in our community, educate students in the use of information and communication technologies to assist them to become responsible users, creators and publishers in the digital environment.

Digital technologies and their use in classrooms are opening up new opportunities for learning and previously unimagined approaches to teaching and learning. Today, young people have access to knowledge, people and new ideas like never before. They are able to connect, collaborate and build relationships with peers, educators and the wider global community. The use of digital technologies within Catholic schools supports learners to question, evaluate and consider the validity of information and then search for truths contained in those ideas. Learners are empowered to demonstrate adaptability and versatility in thinking and strategies as they select, use and manage a range of applications and technologies. We seek to develop students who are responsible and ethical communicators, creators and publishers in the digital community.

This policy outlines the appropriate use and management of digital technologies such as the internet and network services at St Andrew's School in accordance with legal and moral requirements and expectations.

SCOPE

This policy applies to members of the St Andrew's School community in their use of digital technologies. It applies to all computers, devices, internet and network services, information and communication technologies, applications and systems provided, operated and managed by the school. This policy does not apply to the curriculum content or the expected standards of usage by students or staff in the school. The curriculum and teaching practices and pedagogy are outlined in documents related to our learning and teaching programs.

DEFINITIONS

Computer is either a desktop or portable laptop device that performs processes, calculations and operations based on instructions provided by a software or hardware program.

Device refers to a unit of physical hardware or equipment that provides one or more computing functions within a computer system. It can provide input to the computer, accept output or both. Typical hardware includes a computer mouse, speakers, printer and microphone.

Email means the system that enables users to send data over the internet using computers and mobile devices.

ICON means the Integrated Catholic Online Network which is used to deliver shared services for educational and administrative purposes across Catholic schools.

Internet means the system of interconnected networks that connects computers for data transmission and storage.

Intranet refers to a local system of computers enabling students and staff to communicate and share information within their school community.

Mobile devices refers to (but is not limited to) mobile phones, PDAs and portable storage devices. Network services means the facilities and resources located on and delivered via a computer-based network including communication systems, internet and intranet services, mobile devices, electronic mail, web services, printer services, database services, back-up services, file services and network management services.

Parents includes parents, guardians and carers.

Social networking means web-based services that allow individuals to create their own online profiles and communicate with each other by voice, chat, instant message, image sharing, video conference and blogs in a virtual community.

Staff means salaried, voluntary and contracted persons.

Students means those students enrolled at St Andrew's School.

Website is an internet based page or series of pages grouped together and managed by a person or group.

PRINCIPLES

The use of digital technologies within our school by staff and students at St Andrew's School is underpinned by the following principles and understanding:

- that digital technologies provide valuable opportunities for staff and students to collaborate, connect and create with peers, colleagues, experts and the wider community
 - that online behaviour will at all times demonstrate respect for the dignity of each person in the community
 - users will behave in a manner that is ethical when using the internet and network services (even for personal communication)
 - the Catholic beliefs and ethos of the school, and professional expectations and standards required by teachers are demonstrated in the way the technologies are used
 - inappropriate online behaviour, including cyberbullying, will not be tolerated.
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POLICY

Internet and Network Access

Access to internet and network services are provided by the CEM to staff and students of St Andrew's School for educational and administrative purposes. From time to time, other CEM policies and requirements in particular schools may result in restrictions.

Access rights assigned to students and staff at *[insert school name]* will be determined by the Principal and may vary as educational and administrative purposes change.

Students and staff at *[insert school name]* may not use the internet and network services provided for commercial purposes, either offering or acquiring goods or services for personal use. The services cannot be used for political lobbying or proliferation of unnecessary communications.

Expectations of users

All students and staff at St Andrew's School are required to use the internet and network services in accordance with this policy. Any use of devices or services that may be questionable, offensive, and controversial or against the Catholic ethos is unacceptable. This includes personal communication with students on matters not related to curriculum or education. These standards apply whenever MACS St Andrew's School equipment or communication lines are used, including use from home or other non-school location and when a private account is used.

Non-compliance with this policy

Disciplinary action may be undertaken by St Andrew's School against any student or staff member who is found to be inappropriately using the provided internet, network services, device or mobile device. The Principal will determine the disciplinary measures to be undertaken in accordance with other policies and guidelines. These measures may be outlined in staff handbooks or the Acceptable User Agreement for students used by St Andrew's School.

Duty of Care

St Andrew's School will provide instruction to students in online personal safety issues including inappropriate sites, stranger danger, cyberbullying and scams. St Andrew's School will prepare staff to deal with these issues.

Monitoring

Students

Online activities may be monitored or reviewed to assess network efficiency, examine system security and to investigate alleged breaches of this policy.

Staff

An authorised person (e.g. a principal, a regional manager or other MACS staff member can monitor use of MAC ICT resources. Server logs may also be used in an investigation of an alleged breach of this policy.

Security

To minimise risk to MACS information and communication networks from viruses and intrusions, current virus screening software is to be activated and where appropriate, passwords are to be used by staff and students of St Andrew's School. Firewalls are to be maintained. The management of system protocols and configurations are the responsibility of the staff authorised by the school or MACS. Non-authorised staff and students are not permitted to have access to these levels of system management.

Email

Email service is provided for educational and administrative purposes. Staff and students at St Andrew's School must identify themselves appropriately by using a signature block at the bottom of the email message that includes their name, school phone number and postal address. St Andrew's School advises students and staff that they may be held accountable for the email they create and distribute using the network.

Websites

St Andrew's School may create, or have created, a website with the approval of the Principal. These websites must be established and maintained in accordance with CEM policies and guidelines and relevant legislation.

Social networking

Provision of social networking for students must be related to an educational purpose. This is at the discretion of the Principal.

Acceptable Use Agreements – to be developed by each school

The agreement sets out the rights and obligations of the students and parents/guardians in relation to the 1 to 1 Digital Device Program put in place as a response to school closure due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. The agreement must be read in conjunction with the Digital Technologies Policy which has already been sent home to families in Term One, 2021.

Responsibilities with respect to the 1 to 1 Digital Device Program

a. What the school will do;

- The school will own the device and share the responsibility for the care, maintenance and correct use
- Periodically and randomly audit a student's device to ensure appropriate use has been met within the schools policies.

b. What the parents/guardians will do;

- Accept responsibility for the annual fees and charges associated with the program, and be aware of the school's Digital Technologies Policy.
- Share the responsibility for the care, maintenance and correct use of the device with the school.

- Parents/Guardians will ensure students are adequately supervised when working on the device at home (there is no filtering of the internet unless this has been applied at home)
- When the device is at home, be liable for the full cost of the repair or replacement of the device if it is lost or damaged. Pricing guide for repairs of Chromebooks (approximate costs inc GST):
 - a. Broken screen (touch panel module) \$310
 - b. Replace keyboard \$50
 - c. Power Adapter \$50
 - d. Hardshell carry case \$32
 - e. St Andrew's skin decal \$10
- Return the device in good condition and working order at the end of the school closure period or if the student leaves the school.

c. What the student will do;

- i. Abide by the Digital Technology Student User Agreement
- ii. Follow expectations including:
 - a. We will put our device on a table or off the ground when not being used.
 - b. We will carry our device with 2 hands and not by the screen.
 - c. We will walk with our device
 - d. We will not eat food or drink near our device
 - e. We will not take our device outside
 - f. We will only use our device if our parent has allowed us
 - g. As the device is the property of the school they are not to be altered or personalised in any way (e.g. stickers, labels, permanent marker)

Breaches of the Agreement: Where this agreement or the Digital Technology Student User Agreement is breached, an appropriate response will be made by the school.

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a. Financial Agreement

Ownership and Responsibility

The school will own the device and the families will share the responsibility for the care, maintenance and correct use of the device.

b. Servicing/Repairs

All servicing and/or repairs to be carried out by the school staff, technician or the supplier.

c. Notification

If a device is stolen, a police report will be required as soon as possible after the theft is discovered. If it is lost or damaged at school, the student must report to the school immediately.

Students

St Andrew's School provides students and parents/guardians with the following:

- A copy of St Andrew's School Acceptable use Agreement
- A copy of this policy

The Acceptable Use Agreement is provided in full for consideration by all signatories. The Agreement is to be signed by the student, parent/guardian and school representative before the student is given access to and use of a school's internet, network services and devices.

Staff

Staff are required to use the internet and network services in accordance with this and other policies. St Andrew's School provides staff with the following:

A copy of this policy

A copy of the Acceptable User Agreement

Related school policies

Bullying
Prevention
policy Child
Safety policies
Codes of Conduct for students,
parents and staff Data Breach Policy
Managing Complaints and
Grievances policy Privacy policy
Social Media policy for staff
Student behaviour management (discipline) policy

Responsible Director	Insert name
Policy owner	Insert name
Approving body/individual	Insert name of individual/committee/body
Approval date	Insert date
Effective date	<u>Insert date</u>
Date of next review	Insert date. Recommended date is 3 years from date of approval. You may choose a date sooner than this but not later.
POLICY DATABASE INFORMATION	
Related documents	Use dot points to identify any document that is attached to this policy as an attachment, appendix, template that will be included as an active link in the document
Superseded documents	List policies and procedures that have been superseded by this document. List in alphabetical order
New policy	New

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