ICT Acceptable Use

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These FAQs should be read together with the [ICT Acceptable Use Agreement](#) for complete information.

Is the College responsible for making sure that my child doesn't see anything inappropriate?

Students are taught awareness of issues such an online privacy, intellectual property and copyright. Students are supervised and supported to learn digital technologies and protocols for online spaces. Although filters are in place, it is impossible to provide full protection from inappropriate content and students are encouraged to learn how to navigate online safely.

What happens if my child is involved in illegal activities online?

Our staff will respond to issues or incidents that have the potential to impact on the wellbeing of our students. Illegal activities will be reported to the appropriate authorities and disciplinary action will be taken by the College.

Can my child use the school computer for other purposes?

Saving non-schoolwork material such as games, videos and programs is not permitted. The equipment should only be used for school-related activities unless approval has been granted by the teacher.

Students are permitted to customise the device wallpaper, as long as it does not breach copyright or contain offensive material.

Music, photographs and movie files may be stored on the computer, but they must be legally owned and not offensive. Students are responsible for adhering to copyright obligations.

Isn't what my child puts in an email private?

Students agree to use their email appropriately, that includes not using words or language that is defamatory, violent, sexist, bullying or illegal. They may not send spam, fraudulent or harassing emails. The email system is the property of the College and that means it is not completely confidential or private. College email administrators may access email if there are reasonable grounds to suspect College policy or a law has been violated.

What happens if someone sends inappropriate material to my child's computer?

We take such incidents very seriously. Inappropriate material should be brought to the attention of the teacher immediately by either the student or parent/carers. Students should never share or forward inappropriate material, even if they were not the source. In some cases, criminal penalties may apply for viewing or sharing digital material.

Students should talk to their teacher or a trusted adult if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable online or if they see others participating in unsafe or inappropriate behaviour.

What happens if the computer is damaged?

Students must take care of their devices, including not eating or drinking while using the computer, keeping them clean and put away when not in use. Any damage should be reported to ICT immediately. If the device needs repairs, charges may apply. All devices operate on a 3-year loan agreement and are inspected at the end of their cycle (end of Year 9 and end of Year 12); if damage has occurred, charges will be applied.

Can the computer be taken home at night?

Yes, in fact students must not leave the computers overnight in the classroom or their locker. The computer should be brought to school fully charged. When not in use during the school day, computers may be stored in a locked locker.

Who is responsible for backup?

Students are responsible for backing up their own files. It is recommended that they have an external device or cloud storage for backup.

What happens if my child breaches the agreement?

If the College considers a student has not complied with the ICT Acceptable Use Policy, the student may face disciplinary action including loss of access to the system and authorised staff may view and audit the material on the computer.