

PROCEDURE FOR USE OF THE COMPUTER NETWORK AND THE INTERNET

Access to the Computer Network and Internet is provided for the purposes of educational research and learning. The purpose of this procedure is to provide rules for appropriate use. Students and their parents should carefully read and then sign the following agreements.

STUDENT AGREEMENT:

I understand that the access to the Computer Network and Internet provided by St Augustine's Catholic College must be in support of educational research or learning, and I agree to the following.

- I will refrain from accessing any newsgroups, links, list-servers, Web pages or other areas of cyberspace that would be considered offensive in the judgement of the School's Headmaster or staff because of pornographic, racist, violent, illegal, illicit or other content.
- Accordingly, I will take responsibility for monitoring materials, dialogues, and information accessed / received by me.
- I will reject any unsuitable materials, dialogues and information received by me.
- I will not use valuable Internet time playing non-educational games.
- I will be courteous and use appropriate language. I will refrain from using obscene, harassing or abusive language over the internet and I will report any cases of such usage against me to a member of staff.
- I accept responsibility to prevent copyrighted material from entering the School. Therefore I will not download software, games, music, graphics, videos or text materials that are copyrighted. I will not violate any copyright laws by posting or distributing copyrighted material.
- Plagiarism is unacceptable. Therefore I will use any downloaded material in an appropriate manner in assignments, listing its source in a bibliography and clearly specifying any directly quoted material.
- I will not reveal personal information, including names, addresses, credit card details and telephone numbers of myself or others.
- I will not damage computers, computer systems or networks. Furthermore, if I discover any methods of causing such damage I will report them to an appropriate member of staff and I will not demonstrate them to others.
- I will abide by the current sign-on procedures for access to the computer network.
- If I violate any of the terms of this agreement I understand that I will be denied access to the School's network for a time to be determined by the Headmaster. In addition I may face further disciplinary action as determined by the Headmaster. I am aware that each case will be considered on its merits.

Students may bring in their own laptop for connection to the college wireless system but will not hold St Augustine's responsible for any loss or damage. Student laptops will need to be covered by your own home insurance policy.

Please detach and return the whole of the top copy to the college Headmaster:

COMPUTER SYSTEM'S AND INTERNET USE STUDENT AGREEMENT

Student Name (Please Print) _____ Form _____ Student Signature _____

PARENTAL AGREEMENT

As the parent/guardian of the above student, I hereby acknowledge that I have read the agreement on student use of the Computer System's and Internet and discussed it with my son/daughter. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. I recognise that, while every effort will be made to monitor student use of the Internet, it is impossible for St Augustine's Catholic College to monitor the use of the net continually and to restrict access to all controversial materials. I further acknowledge that, while questionable material exists on the Internet, the user must actively seek it and therefore is ultimately responsible for bringing such material into the School. I therefore will not hold the Headmaster or staff of St Augustine's CC responsible for any such materials acquired from the Internet.

Parent / Guardian Signature _____ Date _____