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## St. Mary's Catholic Primary School Responsible Use Agreement

We at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School undertake to seek excellence in continuously developing the educational value of Learning Technologies for our students, to prepare and equip them for their involvement in the technologically advanced world of the future.

### School Vision

The Vision of St. Mary's is to develop Faith, enhance the dignity of the individual and to foster the seeking of truth. Our school community strives to achieve the full potential for excellence in each person, valuing individual differences as gifts from God. Students may use technology for information gathering and to communicate with others, in order to prepare them as citizens and future employees in the information technology age, under the supervision of a teacher.

By using careful selection criteria and maintaining a constant review of Information Technology in the broader community, we will achieve this as we apply it to academic and practical solutions for the development of both our students and teaching staff. There will be continued effort to integrate the technology skills into all Learning Areas.

### Introduction

Thousands of educators worldwide have discovered that bringing the Internet into the classroom promotes educational excellence and breathes new life into the educational experience. Use of the Internet is growing rapidly. All schools and educators in general are concerned by the problems that have been highlighted in the media. Whilst some of the media interest is hype, there is real cause for concern, and it is imperative that the school considers issues before allowing pupils supervised access to the Internet.

Some of the school's aims refer to helping students find information; research to gain knowledge, understanding and appreciation; and reason, to critically analyse and evaluate. We strongly believe in the educational value of electronic services and recognise the potential of such to support our curriculum and student learning in our school. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence by facilitating resource sharing, innovation and communication. We will make every effort to protect students and teachers from any misuses or abuses. All users must be continually on guard to avoid inappropriate and illegal interaction with the information service.

The school cannot control all information on the Internet, other people's actions or the quality or content of information available. Students will be supervised at all times whilst using any technology and any breach of the Student Agreement will result in the appropriate consequence.

Our goal in providing these facilities for students is to promote educational excellence by facilitating communication for resource sharing and innovation.

### Terms and Conditions of Internet use in the School

The school has developed the following set of guidelines for Internet use by the students. These rules will be made available to all students, parents and staff and will be kept under constant review. Any person using the Internet at Saint Mary's Catholic Primary School must do so in a way that is consistent with the educational objectives of the school.

All members of the staff are responsible for explaining the rules and their implications. Students are expected to abide by the Responsible Use Agreement.

**This agreement remains current while your child is a student at St Mary's.** Any changes to School Policy regarding Internet Use will require each student to sign the amended Agreement.

**St. Mary's Catholic Primary School**  
**Responsible Use Policy**

*STUDENT AGREEMENT*

I, (print full name) ..... agree to be a responsible user of the school technologies by following the rules below.

1. I will only use school technologies with the permission of a teacher.
2. I will take due care of computers, printers, televisions, digital cameras, CD and tape players and other technological tools.
3. When using the Internet, I will respect personal information by not passing on names, phone numbers, addresses or passwords.
4. I will act in a sensible manner.
5. I will only access sites and material suitable to my schoolwork.
6. I will inform my teacher immediately if I come across any unsuitable material on the Internet.
7. I will ask for permission from my teacher before sending any email messages.
8. I will only open email and attachments with teacher permission.
9. I will not download videos or games on the school network.
10. I will not insert a cd-rom, storage device or similar from home into the school network without having the item checked for viruses using the school's anti-virus software.
11. I will not use inappropriate/impolite language while online, conduct illegal activities, embark on activities that would disturb or disrupt any other user on the system, and will not reveal personal information that could be the cause of identity theft

***Any breach of these rules may result in withdrawal of access to these services.***

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*(Students are required to glue the **Responsible Use Rules** into their Homework Diaries)*

**Agreement to Comply** (To be signed and returned to class teacher.)

I understand that use of school technologies is a privilege, not a right. I have read the Responsible Use Agreement and by signing my name below agree to the rules set out.

Student Name: (print)..... Year:.....

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

As parent/guardian of the above student I agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

Parent Signature: ..... Date:.....