Cybersafety User Agreement

Student Commitments:
• When using the internet, I agree to behave according to the Student Code of Conduct and this User Agreement.
• I will use the internet at school for educational purposes and only as directed by teachers.
• I agree that when talking to and working with others online I will use appropriate language and not deliberately harass others. I will not enter or remain in any site that has obscene language or offensive content (e.g. racist material or violent images).
• I will abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references where necessary) and think about how I use content posted on the internet and not simply copy and paste information from websites.
• I will not interfere with network security, the data of another user or attempt to log into the network with a user name or password of another student.
• I will not bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school computers.
• I understand that the school may monitor traffic, stored content and material sent and received using the school’s ICT network. The school may use filtering and/or monitoring software to restrict access to certain sites and date, including email.
• I will take proper care of school ICT equipment. I know that if I have been involved in the damage, loss or theft of ICT equipment/devices, my family may be responsible for the cost of repairs or replacement.
• I will understand that the school may audit and review the student use of its computer network, internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices or commission an independent forensic audit. Such auditing may include any stored content, and all aspects of their use, including email.
• I will protect my mobile phone numbers by only giving them to friends and family. (This can help protect a student’s number from falling into the wrong hands and guard against the receipt of unwanted or inappropriate calls). I will protect my privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out personal details including account passwords, full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images.
• I will talk to my teacher or another adult if:
  • I need help online
  • I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened
  • I come across sites which are not suitable for our school
  • someone writes something I don’t like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private.
• I understand that these guidelines also apply to any privately owned ICT equipment/devices (such as a laptop, mobile phone, USB drive, MP4 players) that I bring to school or on any school related activity. Any images or material on such equipment/devices must be appropriate to the school environment.
• I understand that if I break this User Agreement with a personal communication device (such as a mobile phone) at school, the device will be confiscated by a staff member.
• I understand that if I break this User Agreement the school may ban or restrict my ICT use, and/or inform my parents. Consequences may include a meeting with Senior Staff members, myself and my parents, or suspension from the College. I also understand that my parents may be charged for repair costs. If illegal material or activities are involved, it may be necessary for the College to inform the police.
• I acknowledge and agree to follow these guidelines. I understand that my access to the internet and mobile technology at school will be renegotiated if I do not act responsibly.

Please sign the section above and return this page to your Pastoral Care Teacher.

Student Name: ......................................................... Pastoral Group: .............
Student Signature: ......................................................... Date: .................
Parent Commitment: I have read this User Agreement and am aware of and support the College’s initiatives to maintain a cybersafe learning environment. I am also aware of my child’s responsibilities.
Parents’ Names: .........................................................
Parents’ Signatures: ........................................... Date: .................