

Guardian Angels Acceptable Computer Use Agreement

Our school is proud to provide the school community with a computer network for access to the Internet, educational software and general computer use. Our aim is to encourage fair and responsible use of these opportunities for communication, learning and enjoyment.

Students are responsible for appropriate behaviour on the school's computer network just as they are in a classroom or on a school playground. Each user is personally responsible for their actions in accessing and using the school's computer resources. The students are advised never to access, keep, or send anything that they would not want their parents or teachers to see. The use of the network is a privilege, not a right, and may be revoked if abused.

We believe that the benefits of Internet access far outweigh the risks and that the key to safe Internet usage is based on education and example. As part of the Brisbane Catholic Education system, our network is provided with a comprehensive filter system, which protects our students from the majority of unsuitable sites and information, which may be found on the Internet or public e-mail and chat sites. However, if unsuitable material still appears, the student should report any upsetting web site to the teacher as well as getting out of the site immediately. As part of our ongoing computer education, students will be made aware of their responsibilities and be taught to use the network for storing information, using programmes to create work, accessing software for educational purposes, communicating and researching on the Internet.

The purpose of this agreement is to ensure that those using electronic resources at our school will do so with respect for our school's moral and educational goals. Use of the network for commercial or illegal activities of any kind is prohibited.

We Agree That:

- Priority will be given to students using computers for educational purposes
- We will use polite language in our words whether written or spoken.
- We will work quietly and not distract or annoy others.
- We will treat the computers and accessories with care and report any damage or misuse to a teacher immediately.
- We will treat passwords, information and files of others as private property and ask permission to use or share another's work.
- We will protect our network by not downloading programmes from home or the Internet onto the school computers.
- We will not waste limited resources like memory space or printing paper or Internet access.
- We will tell an adult immediately if we accidentally view unsuitable materials.
- While using a computer we will show respect for others.
- If the agreement is broken, then we will lose our computer privileges for a period of time as determined by the teacher in charge and the school's admin team.

Signed: _____

Parent/Guardian

Student

Print name

Print name

Date: _____

On behalf of Guardian Angels School: _____