



# FINDON HIGH SCHOOL

## STUDENT COMPUTER USE AGREEMENT

Access to computers and the Internet is provided for the purposes of educational research and learning. The purpose of this policy is to provide rules for appropriate use of these facilities. Students and parents are asked to carefully read and then sign the following agreement.

### Student Agreement:

I understand that the use of computers and access to the Internet from Findon High School must be in support of educational research and learning and I agree to the following:

- I will refrain from accessing any news groups, chat groups, web pages or other areas of cyberspace that would be considered offensive in the judgment of the Principal or his/her delegate because of pornographic, racist, violent, illegal or other content.
- Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting materials, links, dialogue and information accessed/received by me.
- I will not use valuable computer/Internet time using chat lines, chat rooms or playing games unless approved by the school.
- I will not use or attempt to bypass the schools internet filtering or proxy servers, or disable any management or monitoring systems installed on any device, and I will not use or access hacking or anonymising websites or services
- I will be courteous and use appropriate language. Therefore I will refrain from using obscene, harassing or abusive language and will report any case of such usage against me to my teacher or the Student Network Coordinator or school administration.
- I accept responsibility to keep copyrighted material from entering the school. Therefore, I will not download software, games, music, graphics, videos or text material that are copyrighted and 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 sources in a bibliography and clearly specifying any directly quoted material.
- I will not reveal personal information, including names, addresses, credit card details or telephone numbers of myself or others.
- I will not damage computers, computer systems or networks. This includes unplugging/swapping mice, keyboards, etc. If I discover any methods of causing such damage I will report them to the school ICT coordinator or school administration and I will not demonstrate them to others.
- I will respect equipment in all computer areas and will not take any equipment without a teacher's permission. I will report any theft I am aware of to the school administration.
- I will abide by the log-in process to access the computer network and Internet. I understand that passwords are confidential and must not be given to others, or displayed or written down.
- I understand that cyber bullying through text message/ image exchange or via any form of technology is inappropriate and even if this incident was off the school site and out of hours. These matters could also be referred to the police.
- I understand that use of any unapproved file sharing technology is not permitted.

If I violate any of the terms of this agreement, I will be denied all access to school computers and network for a time to be determined by the Principal and may face further disciplinary action as determined by the Principal. I am aware that each case will be considered individually.

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year Level \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

### Parent Agreement:

As a parent/guardian of \_\_\_\_\_ I hereby acknowledge that I have read the agreement on student use of computers and the Internet and discussed it with my child. I understand that this use 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 Findon High School to continually monitor and 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 do not hold the staff or Principal of Findon High School responsible for any material acquires from the Internet.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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