



Murtoa College

COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY

Rationale:

Murtoa College desktops, laptops, iPads, internet and electronic mail are provided for educational purposes only. Parents are required to abide by the following arrangements if their child is to use the Murtoa College computer network.

Murtoa College is knowledgeable about the risks to children's safety that exist in an online environment and will take every possible precaution to protect students when they are working in this environment.

Implementation:

- Students **WILL** use the computer resources and their internet account solely for educational purposes.
- Students **WILL** observe all copyright laws, including those that relate to computer software and material published on the internet.
- Students **WILL** respect the rights and privacy of other users.
- Students **WILL** report any obscene or offensive material they encounter.
- Students understand that logs of their internet and email access will be kept and could be scanned at any time.

Students **will NOT:**

- Use the school computers to play games, excepting educational games under the direction of a teacher.
- Tamper with the system (which includes the network and personal laptop) in any way including, but not limited to, the storage of unauthorized software.
- Bypass the proxy server to access internet sites that have been banned or restricted.
- Use another student's account or tamper with another student's account in any way.
- Allow anyone else to use their account or give their password to anyone else.
- Attempt to retrieve, view or disseminate any obscene, offensive, pornographic or illegal material.
- Threaten or abuse any other user.
- Send offensive, racist or sexist messages
- Send anonymous or falsely addressed email

- Use their school laptops outside before school, during Recess or Lunch.

Students realise that if they do not abide by the above rules, the following applies:

1. Students' internet and internal email access may be withdrawn.
2. Students may be subject to other disciplinary action.
3. Students may not be able to continue with subjects in learning areas which require regular computer access.

The school will:

- Closely monitor all students' internet use
- Notify parents/carers if their child has accessed inappropriate material online
- Suspend the student's access if he/she has breached the Murtoa College expectations regarding computer and internet use
- Take all practicable steps to ensure that students are "safe" when utilising the internet whilst at school
- Provide education around cyber-safety and correct internet use

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the College's annual policy review cycle, or earlier if regulations or requirements necessitate a review.

This policy was last ratified by School Council

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Reference – Child Safe Standards – Effective from August 1 2016

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/childsafepages/schools.html>