



COMPUTER USE POLICY

Access to computers and the Internet is provided for the purposes of educational research and learning. It supports the school's teaching and learning program and is intended to strengthen the quality of student 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 Computer Use Agreement:

I understand that the use of school computers (including laptops) or personal computers and access to the Internet from Adelaide 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, links, social networking sites, web pages or other areas of cyberspace that would be considered offensive in the judgement of the Principal or their delegate because of pornographic, racist, violent, illegal or other content.
- Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting such inappropriate materials, links, dialogue and information accessed / received by me.

Whilst at school I agree to the following:

- I will not use valuable computer / Internet time using social networking or chat sites, or playing games.
- I will be courteous and use appropriate language. Therefore, I will refrain from using obscene, harassing or abusive language and will report any cases of such usage against me to my teacher, teacher-librarian or the school administration.
- I accept responsibility to keep illegal or offensive material from entering the school. Therefore, I will not download or store software, games, music, graphics videos or text material that are illegal or offensive and I will not violate any copyright laws by posting or distributing such material.
- Plagiarism is unacceptable. Therefore, I will use downloaded material in an appropriate manner in assignments, listing its source in a bibliography and clearly specifying any directly quoted material.
- I will exercise extreme caution to not reveal personal information, including names, addresses, credit card details or telephone numbers of myself. I will not reveal other peoples' details under any circumstances.
- I will not damage computers, computer systems or networks. This includes unplugging wires, mice or keyboards, altering software settings etc. Furthermore, if I discover or witness any methods of causing such damage, I will report them to the school Administration and I will not demonstrate them to others.
- I will respect all computer equipment and will not take any equipment without a teacher's permission. Furthermore, I will report any theft or damage I am aware of to the school Administration.
- I will abide by log-in procedures to access to the computer network.
- I will not use the log-in names of others for computer or internet access, nor give mine for others to use.
- I will not store, distribute or install on school computers or any other storage media or use from the internet or a portable device any application software, games or multimedia content without authorization.
- I will not use school or personal computers or networks to bully, harass or invade the privacy of other users or in any way deprive them of their rights to safe and effective use of ICT facilities.

Adelaide High School takes no responsibility for personal computers not purchased through the school program, phones or other digital devices other than to provide connectivity to approved users under the terms of the above agreement. In particular; repairs, configuration, software installation and maintenance of personal devices are the responsibility of the owner. No responsibility can be attributed to Adelaide High School for damage or loss of personal devices or data contained therein.

If I violate any of the terms of this agreement, I will be denied all access to school computers 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.

Other consequences may include suspension from school, suspension pending exclusion and possible police involvement.
