Footscray City College - Internet Acceptable Use Agreement

When using the Internet, I agree to:

• Protect my privacy rights and those of other students by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images
• Use the Internet in line with my school’s student code of conduct and use appropriate language when talking to and working with others online and never participate in hate mail
• Use the Internet at school for educational purposes and use the equipment properly
• Use social networking sites only for educational purposes and only as directed by teachers
• Not deliberately enter or remain in any site that has obscene language or offensive content (e.g. racist material or violent images)
• Abide by copyright procedures when using content on websites (ask permission to use images, text, audio and video and cite references where necessary)
• Think about how I use content posted on the Internet and not simply copy and paste information from websites
• Not interfere with network security, the data of another user or attempt to log into the network with a user name or another user’s password
• Not reveal my password to anyone except the system administrator or classroom teachers
• Not bring or download unauthorised programs, including games, to the school or run them on school computers
• Talk to my teacher or another adult if:
  o I need help online
  o I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened by online activities
  o I come across sites which are not suitable for our school
  o Someone writes something I don’t like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable
  o Someone asks me to provide information that I know is private.

This Agreement is to be read in conjunction with the Footscray City College Computer Access Agreement which is signed on enrolment.

I have read the Internet - Acceptable Use Agreement carefully and understand the significance of the conditions and agree to abide by these conditions. I understand that any breach of these conditions will result in the Internet access privileges being suspended or revoked, as well as further possible consequences outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.

Student Name: ........................................................................................ Year Level: ...............  
Student Signature: .....................................................................................  
Parent Signature: ......................................................................................  
Date: ....... / ...... / 2011  

This Agreement must be signed and returned to your Home Group Teacher by Friday 11th February. Where Agreements are not returned by this date, Internet access rights will be suspended.
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Rationale: Footscray City College uses the Internet as a teaching and learning tool. We see the Internet as a valuable resource, but acknowledge it must be used responsibly.

Aim: To maximise the use of the internet as an educational tool, while at the same time ensuring that it used safely and responsibly

Implementation: At Footscray City College we will:
- provide an internet service that is filtered by the Department of Education Internet service provider
- provide support and direction in all Internet activities
- provide an Information Literacy program that includes instructions on responsible Internet use.
- work towards setting tasks that ask students open questions, so they can’t copy and paste all answers from the Internet
- support students to understand the importance of safe and respectful use of the Internet in all curriculum areas.
- provide support to parents to understand this agreement (e.g. interpreter support, information in languages other than English).
- may allow student access to social networking sites for educational purpose – this will be under teacher direction with clear protocols established

Note: Your child has been asked to agree to use the Internet responsibly at school. Parents should be aware that the nature of the Internet means that full protection from inappropriate content can never be guaranteed.

We also recommend that you read and follow the “Bridging the gap between home and school” information to help you understand how your child may be using the Internet at home or sometime in the future.

Review

This policy will be reviewed by School Council in 2011.