ICT NETWORK AND INTERNET USE POLICY

Access to the Bishop Druitt College network and the internet is provided to all students to enhance learning opportunities and develop collaboration between students, staff, parents and the broader community. Students using ICT services at Bishop Druitt College are expected to use these services in a manner which is safe, responsible and respectful to others.

The ICT network may be used for educational purposes involving the use of software, creation and management of files, research, email and publishing, as part of classroom or self-directed activities.

The college believes that the benefits to students from accessing online information from internet sites, libraries, databases and bulletin boards and exchanging messages with people throughout the world will enhance their educational experiences.

A student who is a safe, responsible and respectful user of ICT services displays the following characteristics:

- Uses ICT for educational purposes.
- Takes good care of college ICT equipment and does not tamper with it.
- Uses only their own password and accesses their own work files.
- Does not log in to the network as another student.
- Does not share their login password with other students.
- Does not send messages, emails or blog posts that harass or insult others.
- Does not publish family names, home addresses or phone numbers on the internet.
- Does not access online material that is illegal, dangerous, explicit or offensive.
- Does not place games or non-educational files in network shared folders.
- Complies with copyright laws.

A student who does not work safely, is not a responsible user or shows disrespect when working with ICT could have their access to the college network withdrawn, further disciplinary action taken or, in extreme cases, undergo police investigation.

The ICT Services staff will work with students, teachers and support staff to build an environment which enhances learning and teaching in a safe, responsible and respectful environment.

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