



Vision: "Creating Our Future By Achieving Personal Bests"

Trademark: "Excellence Through Innovation"

Outcome: "A high performing academic school"

Information Technology, Internet and Mobile Telephone Usage - Students

Code of Conduct Contract

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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

All students using the Information Technology at Smithfield State High School will:

- Respect others' rights to freedom from harassment and intimidation;
- Use the Internet and local area networks for purposes that are legal and generally acceptable for public school students;
- Respect and adhere to the laws concerning copyright and other intellectual property rights;
- Follow security restrictions for all systems and information and not attempt to breach security;
- Use and share computer resources courteously and efficiently;
- Respect the privacy and integrity of electronic documents.

INTERNET AND EMAIL

Rules Governing the Use of the Internet and Email include:

- Students will only use the Internet for educational purposes;
- A student will not intentionally access or show others how to access offensive, obscene, criminal, defamatory or sites promoting illegal or offensive activities. The Student will inform the supervising teacher immediately if an inappropriate site is accidentally found;
- No student will download any material without the permission of the supervising teacher. Due to their size, music, video, game or program files may only be downloaded with the Computer Co-ordinator's permission.
- In general, download of text and small picture files are allowed, but the supervising teacher will actively monitor this with the class and discuss appropriate strategies with the students;
- Email may be used by students. Any rude, offensive, racist, defamatory or insulting language in an email will be treated in the same way as handwritten material;
- Students will not use email to engage in any illegal activity;
- Students will respect the privacy of fellow students and teachers when using email and not give out personal details on the Internet.

MOBILE ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The use of mobile phones, pagers, portable CD and MP3 players, Personal Digital Assistants and similar electronic devices is disruptive to the learning environment of all students and are therefore not permitted in classes. Students wishing to use these devices in special circumstances should negotiate arrangements with the school Principal.

There are times when it is genuinely appropriate and beneficial for students to have access to a mobile phone. Students may, for example, need to contact parents in emergencies or to confirm or change a collection time after school. However, except in times of genuine emergency, mobile phone use is restricted.

- The policy also applies to students during school excursions, camps and extra-curricular activities.
- It is important that students display courtesy, consideration and respect for others whenever they are using a mobile phone.
- Mobile phones should not be used in any manner or place that is disruptive to the normal routine of a school.

- Students should have their mobile phones switched off and out of sight during classes.
- Students should only use their mobile phones before or after school, or during recess and lunch breaks.
- In-phone cameras are not to be used anywhere a normal camera would be considered inappropriate, such as in change rooms or toilets.
- Appropriate action will be taken against any student who photographs or films other individuals without their consent or who sends harassing or threatening messages.
- Disciplinary action will be taken against any student/s who is/are caught using a mobile phone to cheat in exams or assessments.
- Students should ensure that their phones are always stored in a safe and secure place.
- Mobile phones are used at their owners' risk. No liability will be accepted by the school in the event of the loss, theft or damage of any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school's negligence.

CONSEQUENCES OF CODE OF CONDUCT BREACHES

- Loss of internet access;
- Loss of computer access;
- Confiscation of mobile electronic devices;
- Normal disciplinary action as per the School Behaviour Management Policy (ie suspension or exclusion for serious breaches).

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Please return this section to the School Office.

I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for Usage of Information Technology, Internet and Mobile Electronic Devices and I understand that if the school decides I have breached these rules, appropriate action will be taken.

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Student's Name

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Year Level

X.....
Student's Signature

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Date

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Parent/Guardian's Signature