



Bankstown North Public School

Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)

Acceptable Use Policy – Parent Information

Rationale

The purpose of this policy is to clarify what is considered acceptable and unacceptable use of ICT including the Internet, IWBs, Chromebooks, XOs, Computers, iPads and other devices. Bankstown North Public School embraces the use of ICT in the belief that it enables everyone to learn in many different and powerful ways.

Aim

This policy will provide clear guidelines for the use of ICT resources to promote a safe learning environment and to further equip our school community with the knowledge and skills to become responsible digital citizens.

DEC Policy References

Code of Conduct Policy - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/code-of-conduct-policy>

Online Communication Services: Acceptable Usage for School Students -

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/online-communication-services-acceptable-usage-for-school-students>

Communication Devices and Associated Services Guidelines - <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/communication-devices-and-associated-services-policy>

Social Media Policy: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/social-media-policy>

Student Guidelines

- Students will only use technology for educational purposes to support learning and as instructed by their teacher. All students must sign and follow the “ICT Student Code of Conduct”.
- Students are prohibited from loading software and music from personal storage devices onto any school computer, XO, Chromebook or iPad.
- Students are forbidden to hack other user accounts or bypass school security, or change any settings. Students will not delete software or files that do not belong to them.
- USB and storage devices can be used to save and store files that are created with teacher permission.
- Students will handle all technology with care at all times and immediately report any physical damages or software issues to the classroom teacher.
- Students found liable for carelessly or intentionally damaging hardware **will be responsible for covering the cost of repair/replacement.**
- All online communication with staff and students must be respectful, considerate and appropriate at all times.
- **Cyberbullying will not be tolerated** and must be reported to the teacher in the first instance.
- Students will act as good digital citizens at all times, e.g. having permission to take photos of other students, using other people’s work and Internet safety.
- Students can access DEC email and G-Suite to support learning in the classroom and enhance communication skills between staff and students.
- Student logins and passwords should be protected at all times and not shared.

Any violations of these guidelines will immediately result in disciplinary action, including and not limited to losing account privileges and computer access and in extreme cases, suspension.