

## Student Use of Computers Policy

Students at Evans River have the opportunity to use the school computer systems as a valuable research tool. The Internet offers students vast resources for learning. Email and Usenet groups allow students to collaborate on projects, with other students from within the school, or from any school around the world. Our aim is to provide a service that promotes excellence in learning.

Students will have access to

- Electronic communication with people from around the world.
- Access to web sites of educational interests.
- Access to Usenet discussion groups, where these groups provide relevant educational experience.

With access to computers and people all over the world also comes the availability of material which may be considered to be of little or no educational value. However, it is the belief of the school that the educational advantages of internet access for students far outweigh the possibility that users may procure materials not in keeping with educational and social aims of the school. Teachers will attempt to limit student access to inappropriate material. The system will employ the use of filters to stream unacceptable material away from student access.

Students have the responsibility to use the Internet in a manner that reflects positively for themselves and for the school. The use of the Internet should be regarded as a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in the loss of that privilege. The system administrator shall determine what is appropriate and their decision is final. Students who are deemed to have violated appropriate use of the school networks may have their rights of use revoked and or be dealt with in a manner as outlined in the document School Welfare and Discipline. Students who, using school resources, access, transmit, or act to promulgate the transmission of inappropriate material (including pornographic material) will be suspended from school.

Students are expected to

- Be polite. Sending abusive messages to others is an inappropriate use of the school's resources.
- Use appropriate language. Use of swearing is not permitted.
- Not reveal your personal details, or the personal details of other students, over the internet.
- Use the network in a manner that does not interrupt the proper functioning of the network.

- Not transmit material in violation of State and Federal legislation. This includes, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret. The use of the connection for commercial activity is unacceptable.
- Use email with the understanding that email is not private. Emails may be read by email providers. Email can be viewed over the network and may be traced back to the student's computer.
- Accept responsibility for their messages. Messages can be traced. Once a message is sent it cannot be recalled.
- Advise teachers immediately any pornographic or other inappropriate material is accessed accidentally or by way of attachment. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary measures.

### **Other Considerations**

- Security

Students are to log onto the network as student users. Where student access may be gained through individual logins students must not use identities apart from the one they have been designated.

- Vandalism

Students must demonstrate care in the use of computer equipment.

Students are not to take food and drink into computer areas.

Students are not to knowingly transmit viruses over the computer networks.

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