



SCHOOL INTERNET USE POLICY

At Good Samaritan Catholic College each student is provided with every opportunity to enhance their learning. In today's technology dependant world, access to ICT is essential. The College provides access to a computer network and the internet via the College network system.

Access to the network and the internet is dependant upon the acceptance of guidelines outlined in this policy.

Guidelines for Use of the Network

1. The use of school computers must be consistent with the educational objectives of Good Samaritan Catholic College. Accessing or transmitting materials that are obscene or sexually explicit is prohibited. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other antisocial behaviour are unacceptable.
2. Transmission of any material in violation of any Australian or State regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material and threatening or obscene material.
3. Users shall abide by the rules of network etiquette. These include using appropriate language, respecting the privacy of other users, and not disrupting the use of the network by other users.
4. For their own safety, users should not reveal any personal home addresses, phone numbers or credit card details.
5. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property and subject to copyright protection. Use of these sources need to be credited appropriately as with the use of any copyrighted material. In some cases, authors' permission may need to be obtained before materials may be used.
6. Unless directed by a teacher, Good Samaritan Catholic College students will not participate in any Internet Relay Chat or On-Line chat rooms.
7. Attempts to gain unauthorised access to system programs or computer equipment is prohibited. All activities are monitored and any violations will be dealt with severely.
8. Any malicious attempt to harm, modify, or destroy data of another user is prohibited.
9. If a student gives another student their password, both students will have their network privileges suspended.
10. At no time may disks from home be used with the school's computers unless they are scanned first for viruses.
11. Staff members have the authority to determine what constitutes inappropriate use of the network and their decision is final.
12. No printing is permitted without prior permission of the teacher or system administrator. Charges may apply for unauthorised printing.

Internet activities that are not permitted by the Acceptable Use Policy are:

1. Searching, viewing or retrieving materials that are not related to school work, community service, employment or further education (thus, searching or viewing sexually explicit, profane, or illegal materials is not permitted);

2. Copying, saving or redistributing copyrighted material (users should assume that all material is copyrighted unless explicitly noted);
3. Subscription to any services or ordering of any goods or services;
4. Sharing of the student's home address, phone number or other information;
5. Playing games or using other external interactive sites such as chats unless specifically assigned by a teacher;
6. Using the network in such a way that you disrupt the use of the network for other users (eg. downloading large files);
7. Any activity that violates a school rule or a state or federal law.

Users who have any questions or doubts about whether a specific activity is permissible should consult a teacher or the network administrator.

The Fine Print

1. Acceptable Use

The purpose of Good Samaritan Catholic College's network and its access to the internet, is to support each student's education by providing access to unique resources and the opportunity for collaborative work. The use of a student's account must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of the school. Use of other organisation's networks or computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network.

Publication, ownership or transmission of any material in violation of any regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, material that is subject to censorship regulations or material protected by trade secret. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property. Use of the school's network for product advertisement or political lobbying is not allowed. Illegal activities are strictly prohibited. All communication must use appropriate language and be polite. Do not swear, use profanity, vulgarities, or harass other users. Playing games or using interactive chats is not acceptable.

The use of swearing, profanities, vulgarities and any form of harassment is strictly forbidden.

Files on the school's network are not guaranteed to be private. The system administrators do have access to all e-mail and although e-mail is not read randomly, it can be accessed if a user is suspected of violating this contract. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the proper authorities.

2. Privileges

The use of Good Samaritan Catholic College's network is a privilege, not a right. Inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. Based upon the acceptable use guidelines, the system administrators will deem what is inappropriate use of the network and take appropriate action. The system administrators or Principal may suspend or close an account at any time as required. The administration, faculty and staff of Good Samaritan Catholic College may also request the system administrator or Principal to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts.

3. Publication of Materials

Publication of any material, including e-mail, news and web pages, must contain the author's e-mail address. For certain subjects, users of myInternet are permitted to create their own Web pages. This privilege is designed to enable students to learn the technology and express and present their academic work. Student web pages will not be linked to school home pages and students are responsible for the contents of their pages.

The following rules apply to web page publication.

- (i) All student sites must contain the following disclaimer: "This web page was created by ...(student/s name/s) and represents the views and opinions of the author(s). It does not represent the views of nor is it endorsed in any way by Good Samaritan Catholic College or any of its employees."
- (ii) No home addresses, phone numbers or other personal information may appear including photos of students of Good Samaritan Catholic College.
- (iii) No copyrighted materials may be used including photographs, cartoons and logs.
- (iv) All contents of the web pages must be in accordance with the other terms set out in this document.
- (v) Electronic publications are expected to meet conventional academic standards of proper spelling, grammar and accuracy of information.

4. Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a student feels they can identify a security problem on the Good Samaritan Catholic College network, the student must notify the system administrator. They must not demonstrate the problem to other users.

Users may not, under any circumstances, use another individual's account. Passwords are not to be given to any other individual. Attempts to log in to the system as any other user may result in suspension or cancellation of user privileges. Attempts to log onto Good Samaritan Catholic College's network as a system administrator will result in cancellation of all user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of interfering with other computer systems may be permanently denied access to Good Samaritan Catholic College's network.

5. Vandalism

Deliberate vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges. Vandalism is defined as any attempt to obtain, harm or destroy data of another user, myInternet, or any of the above listed agencies or other networks that are connected to the Internet backbone. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

6. Reliability

Good Samaritan Catholic College makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Good Samaritan Catholic College will not be responsible for any damages students suffer. This includes loss of

data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, misdeliveries, or service interruptions caused by it's own negligence or student's errors or omissions.

Use of any information obtained or given via myInternet is at students own risk. Good Samaritan Catholic College cannot guarantee the security of any personal information such as credit card details, or phone numbers, submitted via the internet. The College accepts no responsibility for any misuse of this information as a result.

While every endeavour is made to present accurate and up-to-date information, Good Samaritan Catholic College specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.

All students are expected to sign a student contract which outlines responsibilities in relation to the College computer network and the internet.