



# KENT STREET

## SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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### Network/Computer Use & Internet Policy

Kent Street Senior High School is a 'bring your own device' (BYOD) school and we actively encourage the responsible use of technology in the school. This requires that students adhere to specific expectations so that the wireless network can operate at optimum speed for the educational benefit of all users.

#### Expectations and Consequences

- Students are given their own personal account along with the responsibility for keeping their password secret. **Sharing accounts is not permitted. Students whose password is used to access inappropriate sites will be held accountable.**
- Students may only access websites that are relevant to the information they need for their studies and are permitted to download research material only.
- Revealing of names, addresses, phone numbers, photographs or any other personal information, of themselves or any other student over the internet is prohibited.
- Playing any games either through the internet or otherwise, unless specifically directed to and supervised by a teacher is prohibited.
- Email, chat lines, forums etc. are not to be accessed unless specifically directed to and while supervised by a teacher.
- Students are to be respectful of all equipment and shall not attempt to make any changes to any part of the network physically or by loading any software viruses etc.
- The school's Computer Technician makes regular checks of sites accessed by students. If it is found that a student has accessed an inappropriate site their access to the school's network will be denied and further consequences may be imposed.
- If an inappropriate site is accessed in error, the student must exit it immediately and inform a staff member of the incident.
- The school reserves the right to deny any student the privilege of using the computer

facilities if any of the above expectations are not complied with.

### ***Network/Computer Use and Internet Policy cont'd***

#### **Examples of “Unacceptable Use” on the Kent Street Network**

- Bringing into school any material obtained from the internet which is likely to be considered inappropriate by the school Code of Conduct and /or societal views.
- Deliberately accessing sites which are considered inappropriate to the school Code of Conduct.
- Using someone else's account
- Vandalising data of another user
- Using unauthorised copies of commercial software
- Installing or playing games via the internet or any input device
- Using the computer network for any illegal activities (copyright violation)
- Using the school connection for business or commercial gain
- Physically and/or logically degrading or disrupting system and/or equipment settings or functions i.e. changing programs, system software or hardware settings in a manner detrimental to their normal operating configurations
- Gaining unauthorised access to resources or entities
- Deliberately and knowingly transferring computer viruses or 'worms'
- Deliberately accessing other school networks
- Deliberately and knowingly transferring one's work from one student account to another or plagiarising work from any source
- Visiting proxy websites to bypass the school's proxy server
- Visiting any chat room or social network website such as Facebook or Twitter – This includes posting of any video or image of Kent Street SHS without consent.

**Note:** *All students are expected to sign a contract which outlines the school's policy on network/computer and internet use. Any serious violations of acceptable network use as detailed above or breach of the Student Network Agreement below will result in parent / carer contact being made and subsequent appropriate consequences as stated.*