



St. Gerard Majella School Internet and Network Policy

PREAMBLE

St. Gerard Majella School provides access to the Internet and Network Services for students and staff in the belief that digital information and communication environments are important mediums supporting learning, teaching and administration. It is acknowledged that the provision of information technology is expensive and needs to be managed well to optimise its effectiveness. At St. Gerard Majella School, the Internet and Network Services governed by this policy, are for the use of equipment and services provided by the school.

POLICY

St. Gerard Majella School will provide access to the Internet and Network Services for students and staff for curriculum purposes, independent research, communication and the transfer of information relevant to the goals of the school and the achievement of improved student outcomes.

VALUES

Learning, Justice, Respect, Inclusivity, Communication, Creativity, Responsibility, Equity, Trust

PRINCIPLES

- The use of the Internet should be fair and equitable, legal, ethical and be consistent with existing policies of St. Gerard Majella School, Catholic Education Queensland and the National Curriculum.
- At St Gerard Majella School, all students and staff are to be afforded access to the Internet to locate information and communicate as part of their normal studies and duties.
- At St Gerard Majella School, the Internet can only be accessed by students under supervision of staff.
- It will be the class teacher's responsibility to ensure that students are aware of the responsibilities and obligations of Internet usage.
- Students and/or Parents will sign a Student Acceptable Use Agreement to be kept on file at St Gerard Majella School.
- Students who deliberately misuse the privilege afforded to them and in doing so breach their Student Acceptable Use Agreement, will be subject to disciplinary action that may include the loss of access or referral to Queensland Police Services.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's renewal cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Board on XXXX

Chair Signature