

Policy for student use of Information Technology

This policy relates to all computer use and access to workstations, laptops and other student supplied electronic devices at Yanchep Secondary College.

Policy Statement

The Department of Education (the Department) provides online services to students in public schools for learning-related activities and strives to protect students from exposure to inappropriate online material and activities.

Acceptable use Policy

All Departmental online services including Portal, email, online document storage, Intranet and Internet access, must be used responsibly and in accordance with Departmental policies.

By accessing any Departmental online services you give your full agreement and commitment to comply with all Departmental policies. You also give consent to logging, monitoring, auditing and disclosure of your use of these services.

Inappropriate use of these services can result in disciplinary action that may include suspension of access to online services, dismissal or termination of contract. You can view the policies relating to the appropriate use of these services at the [Our Policies website](#). [Students Online Policy](#) | [Telecommunications Use Policy](#) | [Parents/responsible persons - Appropriate Use](#)

Use of Student Personal Devices

Devices not purchased by the school and/or maintained by the school eg personal computer, smart phone, wireless PDA etc. are not supported by ICT staff, unless there are exceptional circumstances and approved by the appropriate Associate Principal and Learning Support Coordinator.

Connect

Connect is a Department of Education online program designed to provide teachers, students and parents with secure access to a collaborative online learning environment. It is an optional communication channel and the Department of Education does not undertake to provide all student-related information via Connect.

Terms of connect use

Connect exists so that WA public teachers, students and parents engage and communicate with each other in a stimulating and interactive virtual space.

The appropriate use of Connect is dictated by existing Department Policies and Guidelines, including:

Student Online Policy;
Telecommunications Use Policy;
Copyright for Schools; and
Code of Conduct

By continuing to use Connect you are indicating that you have read and will comply with the terms of use as outlined in these Policies. This means you will not:

- Post offensive, indecent or inflammatory content;
- Use Connect for any purpose other than non-commercial educational purposes;
- Impinge on others' safety or privacy;
- Upload or share content or materials without permission of the author/s;
- Share or use the Department's online resources for purposes other than the education of students.

The information shared in Connect is not necessarily representative of the Department of Education, nor does the Department provide any assurance as to its accuracy. Furthermore, at its discretion, the Department may remove any materials it deems inappropriate.

The Department reserves the right to change these Terms of Use at any time.

Student agreement

I agree to abide by the Yanchep Secondary College and Department of Education Information technology acceptable use policy.

I understand that if I violate any of the terms of this agreement, I will be denied access to Information Technology for a period of time to be determined by Student Services/The Principal and may face further disciplinary action as determined by Student Services/The Principal under the BMIS policy and procedures.

If my action breaks the law I understand that the WA Police may be involved. I am aware that each case will be considered on its merits.

I understand that I am responsible for my account and will use it only for educational purposes as directed by my teachers. Accordingly, I am responsible for monitoring and appropriately rejecting materials, links, dialogues and information accessed /received by me. Where incidents occur, I understand that the school may remove my privileges and that I may need to make alternative home arrangements.

Student's Name: _____ Year Group _____

Student to Sign: _____ Date: _____

Parental agreement

As a parent/carer I hereby acknowledge that I have read the agreement on student use of the internet and discussed it with my child.

I recognise that, while every effort will be made to monitor student use of the internet, it is impossible for Yanchep Secondary College to monitor continually and restrict access to controversial materials.

I further acknowledge that, while questionable material exists on the net, the user must actively seek it and therefore is ultimately responsible for accessing such material into the school.

I am aware of and have read the Department of Education and Yanchep SC acceptable use policy for student access to the internet and agree to abide by these terms and conditions of use.

Parent/Carer Name: _____

Parent/Carer Sign: _____ Date: _____

This document should be returned to Student Services for current students and to the Enrolment officer for prospective students with the rest of the enrolment pack.

Student access to the YSC network and internet will not commence unless this agreement has been completed.