

Computing/Cybersafety

STUDENT USE AGREEMENT (all students to read & sign)

STUDENT:

- I understand and will abide by the conditions and rules as set out in the school's Computing/Cybersafety Use Agreement (following page).
- I further understand there may be consequences (including the possible loss of access and even disciplinary action) if I should commit any breach of these conditions.

Students
Full Name

Signature

Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

General use of computing/communication technology resources:

- As parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Computing/Cybersafety Use Agreement. I believe my child has read the document and understands her/his obligations. I understand that the technology resources at Western Springs College are designed for educational purposes and that any breach of the rules and conditions as set out in this agreement can lead to loss of privileges or disciplinary action. I understand if my child steals or damages equipment this could result in a bill for the cost of replacement parts or repairs. I also understand this agreement applies to communication technologies my child brings into the school environment.

Access to cyberspace/internet:

- As parent or guardian of this student, I understand that it may not be possible for the school to fully restrict exposure to inappropriate material in cyberspace, accessed through such means as the internet, email or text messaging. I also understand that while the school will take appropriate measures to limit access to illegal, dangerous or inappropriate material, ultimately it is each student's responsibility not to initiate access to, or have any involvement with, such material.

I HEREBY GIVE MY PERMISSION for my child to be given access to computing and communication technologies such as the internet.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

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I UNDERSTAND THAT:

- I cannot use the internet at school without signing and handing in this Use Agreement
- It is expected that in all forms of electronic media that the good name of the school and its teachers will be upheld. Personally offensive written comments about students and staff are regarded very seriously and can result in both school disciplinary action and police prosecution. Neither staff nor students can in any way be recorded or displayed without express written consent.
- Computers and other communication technology equipment which belongs to Western Springs College is intended for educational purposes only, and NOT to be used for personal use. Any other communication technology equipments that I use within the school environment (eg mobile phone) will be used in accordance with the school regulations.
- When using a global information system such as the internet it may not always be possible for the school to filter or screen all material which is inappropriate (eg legal pornography), dangerous (eg bomb designs), or illegal (eg child pornography or stolen credit card numbers). It is therefore each student's responsibility not to initiate access to such material, to distribute such material by copying, storing or printing, or have any involvement with such activity.
- When using the email facilities at school, it may not be possible for the school to monitor or filter all messages; it is therefore each student's responsibility to ensure that any electronic correspondence will not cause offence or be otherwise inappropriate.
- The school will view seriously involvement in any incident in which communication technologies are used to facilitate misconduct eg harassment, bullying, plagiarism, exam cheating etc.
- The school reserves the right to check at any time, work or data related to communication technologies in the school environment.

I WILL TAKE CARE OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES, INCLUDING:

- I will not damage computer equipment or furniture and will use the resources with due care.
- I will not use any school computers for arcade-style games
- I will not attempt to breach copyright (eg by illegally copying software).
- I will not bring software from home to use on a Western Springs College computer.
- I will not plagiarise by illegally copying text without referencing the source.

I WILL BE CONSIDERATE TO OTHER USERS, INCLUDING:

- I will not monopolise equipment.
- I will not deliberately waste computer resources (eg unnecessary printing)
- I will not intentionally disrupt the smooth running of any computer or the school's network
- I will not scan or display graphics, record or play sounds, or type messages that could cause offence to others
- If I accidentally encounter inappropriate, dangerous or illegal material I will immediately remove it from the screen/turn off the screen and notify a supervising teacher without disclosing the material to any other student

I WILL RESPECT THE NEED FOR PRIVACY AND SECURITY, INCLUDING:

- I will not reveal home address or phone number of myself or others on line
- I will use eds only in accordance with the school regulations
- I will not attempt to upload or create computer viruses or be involved with other forms of electronic vandalism
- I will immediately report any internet safety problems to a class teacher or HOD

I ACCEPT THAT breaching this agreement (or any involvement in such a breach) may result in my access to the Computing and Communication Technology resources at Western Springs College being withdrawn, which could make me ineligible to continue studying a particular subject. I also understand it could result in disciplinary action by the School.