

## **ICT Acceptable Use Policy**

### **Mission Statement**

Our Lady's NS is committed to the use of electronic resources and technology to enhance the administrative, teaching and learning opportunities for students and staff. Therefore, students and staff are encouraged to utilise these resources within the guidelines set forth in the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP). Keep in mind all such usage should apply directly to school administration and to the implementation of the school curriculum.

### **Responsibilities of Our Lady's NS Employees**

Employees will:

1. Follow the guidelines set forth in this AUP
2. Agree and adhere to all guidelines and assume responsibility for their own actions
3. Supervise student use
4. Model and provide instruction in the ethical and appropriate use of technology in a school setting
5. Maintain a curricular focus
7. Keep the user password secure and confidential
8. Ensure the computer is being legally used according to the software's licence
9. Only install software onto a school computer or network, which has been approved by the staff member with responsibility for ICT or the Principal
10. Not transmit, request or receive materials inconsistent with the mission and values of Our Lady's NS.

### **Acceptable Use**

Our Lady's NS computers and networks are to be used in a responsible, efficient, ethical and legal manner and must be in support of the educational objectives of Our Lady's NS. Management reserve the right to monitor this usage.

Incidental personal use of school computers is permitted if such use does not interfere with the employee's job, duties and performance with system operations or other system users. 'Incidental personal use' is defined as use by an individual employee for occasional personal communications. Employees are reminded that such personal use must comply with this policy and all other applicable policies, procedures and rules, and must take place outside of

official school opening times.

### **Unacceptable Use**

This includes but is not limited to the following:

1. Accessing, transmitting, or receiving obscene or pornographic material
2. Engaging in cyber cheating or plagiarism. Plagiarism is material created by others and presenting it as if it were one's own
3. Accessing the Internet for non-school related activities, such as chat rooms, engaging in instant messaging, posting or filling out forms with private or personal information about yourself or another person
4. Downloading or loading software or applications without permission from the Principal

The above provide general guidelines and examples of prohibited uses for illustrative purposes, but do not attempt to state all required or prohibited activities by users. Staffs who have questions regarding whether a particular activity or use is acceptable should seek further guidance from the Principal.

### **Consequences**

The use of technology resources inside Our Lady's NS is a privilege. Inappropriate or unethical use or failure to adhere the guidelines may include, but are not limited to limitation or cancellation of user privileges, possible disciplinary action and/or appropriate legal action.

This policy will be reviewed by the BoM annually, or as new legislation dictates. All partners will be informed of any amendments necessary after such a review.

<b>Approved by: Staff</b>	<b>Insert Date: 6/12/23</b>
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