



## **Mobile Phone and Portable Technology Policy**

The Internet is a global network of computers and computer networks which may be accessed from a personal computer via a modem. As there is a vast supply of information available on the "net" students will need to develop skills in order to use the Internet effectively. Wongan Hills DHS operates through the Department of Education and Training WA Internet system. All students have an opportunity to become familiar with the Internet and to use information on it discerningly and effectively.

While every endeavour will be made to supervise student use of the Internet there will be times when students are working privately and there will be a remote possibility of accessing offensive material. Therefore all students must take responsibility for acceptable use of the Internet. Students must have written permission to use the Internet. Students who cannot abide by the guidelines in this policy will have their Internet privileges suspended

### **GUIDELINES FOR USE OF THE INTERNET – WONGAN HILLS DHS**

1. The use of Internet information is to be related to your school work and not for personal business.
2. To maximise time and minimise cost, have a research plan prepared.
3. It is not allowed to use pseudonyms or to impersonate another person on the Internet.
4. Be aware that although information may be on the Internet, it is not necessarily correct. Therefore it is necessary to check your sources and sites.
5. Be aware of copyright laws regarding downloading and use of information.
6. You are expected to be responsible in your use of the Internet and therefore to use appropriate language at all times and not attempt to access or download material considered offensive at this school site.
7. Be aware of your personal safety and do not reveal personal details such as your address and phone number to anyone on the Internet.
8. Report any problems or difficulties to a member of staff.
9. All students **MUST** have a signed Computer Use Agreement (by both a parents and student) in order to access our school network and computers. Failure to meet this requirement will exclude students from IT access.

## **The Use of Mobile Phones, Portable Computer Games, Digital Recorders and Cameras in Schools**

### **MOBILE PHONES:**

Mobile Phones are sometimes viewed as enhancing security for students travelling to and from school. Mobile phones are not to be used during school hours for any purpose. If students use mobile phones inappropriately, e.g. using them whilst on the school grounds, in teaching and recreational areas, the following action may include;

- Confiscating the mobile phone from the individual student until it is claimed by the parent/carer
- Applying student disciplinary provisions

Students are asked to hand in their phone voluntarily. The front office and Secondary Deputy will look after phones where students need to have brought them to school for security reasons.

### **PORTABLE COMPUTER GAMES, MP3's, IPODS AND SIMILAR DEVICES:**

The procedures applying to the inappropriate use of mobile phones apply equally to portable computer games, MP3 players, iPods and similar devices. Should a teacher wish to use a PMD in class for educational reasons, it will be at their discretion and cleared through the administration.

### **LISTENING DEVICES:**

...it is an offence for a person to use a listening device to record or listen to a private conversation, to which the person is not a party.

.....he/she is prohibited from later communicating or publishing any record of the conversation to another person (Listening Devices Act 1984)

### **CAMERAS AND VIDEO CAMERAS (Including Mobile Phones with Image Capture Capabilities)**

Using cameras (including mobile phones with image capture capabilities) on the school campus, teaching and recreational areas, school functions, excursions etc.: Permission from the Principal must be sought;

- where photographs may be considered as harassment, intimidation or threatening.
- when use threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or well-being of any person.
- when use is likely to be in breach of any law. (Summary Offences Act 1988)