



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

Internet Policy

All students regardless of what year level have access to the computer resources that are available at St Pius X College.

However before they can access the computer resources available at SPX they must agree to the Acceptable Use Policy for Students and Technology. Each student and a parent/carer is required to sign the Acceptable Use Policy found on pp 109/110 of the Student Planner each year.

Each student is entitled to use the resources for educational purposes only. Users are responsible for their own actions with computer resources. They should be aware that access may be reduced or other consequences applied for any misuse of computer resources.

Cyber bullying is not acceptable in any form. (See end of document for detailed description of Cyber Bullying.)

It is each user's responsibility to ensure:

- His password is kept unique and confidential
- That any computer he is using is completely logged off when finished
- A current backup of his own files are maintained (Personal Drive)
- No use is made of programs, simulations or games of a non-educational content (i.e. those not provided by your teacher)
- That he is responsible for the data on his own media (i.e. USB Thumb Drives and any other media)
- That the discovery of a virus or any malicious software is reported to the teacher or IT staff immediately
- That they inform teachers or IT staff immediately of any inappropriate files on the network
- PLD failures are reported to teachers or IT staff

The following activities are not acceptable:

- Cyberbullying in any form
- Attempts to access, harm, modify or delete the data not belonging to you
- Using another student's or teacher's user account, with or without that user's permission
- Sharing your password with other students
- The changing of another's password
- Disrupting computer resources through vandalism or electronic means
- Movement of any computer resources without a teacher's permission
- Contaminating the computer resources with a virus or malicious software
- Transmitting or deliberately accessing data that is threatening, obscene, bigoted, abusive, defamatory, racist, sexist or discriminatory
- Commercial use of the college resources
- Breaching copyright laws (<http://www.copyright.org.au>)
- Using materials without due acknowledgment
- Gaining access to computer systems that you are not entitled to. (i.e. Hacking and connecting to interactive whiteboards without permission)
- Undertaking any other illegal activities as defined under the Australian Commonwealth Government Telecommunications Act 1989

Email Guidelines:

- Emails to other teachers or students must relate to school work

PLD Usage Guidelines:

- PLDs should be treated with care, any damages will be the liability of the student (student's family) and repair charges may be incurred. The PLD is the property of St Pius X College
- The use of PLDs within particular lessons is at the discretion of the subject teacher

St Pius X College makes no guarantee of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the computing services it provides. The College will not be responsible for damages a user suffers, including but not limited to the loss of data.

The provision of computer resources at St Pius X College is made for the benefit of all. Users identified as being a security risk, who create problems for other users or with the system, as indicated above, will be penalised. The College reserves the right to review any material to determine whether specific uses of resources are appropriate.

By signing the Acceptable Use Policy in your diary you are agreeing to the above rules for the use of technology at St Pius X College.

Cyber Bullying

The National Crime Prevention Council's definition of cyberbullying is 'when the Internet, mobile phones or other devices are used to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person.'

Cyberbullying can be as simple as continuing to send emails to someone who has said they want no further contact with the sender, but it may also include threats, sexual remarks, pejorative labels (i.e. hate speech), ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums, and posting false statements as fact, aimed at humiliation.

Cyberbullies may disclose victims' personal data (e.g. real name, address, or workplace/schools) at websites or forums or may pose as the identity of a victim for the purpose of publishing material in their name that defames or ridicules them. Some cyberbullies may also send threatening and harassing emails and instant messages to the victims, while others post rumours or gossip and instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target.

Though the use of sexual remarks and threats are sometimes present in cyberbullying, it is not the same as sexual harassment and does not necessarily involve sexual predators. (Information taken from <http://www.ncpc.org/topics/cyberbullying/what-is-cyberbullying>)