

## **COLLEGE ICT USAGE POLICY**

### **(ICT - Information & Communication Technology)**

The College has internet/intranet facilities, hardware and software available for access by students and staff for research and education purposes. These facilities are available to all students of the College to use.

In order to generally regulate usage and access by students, the College has an ICT Usage Policy, which must be adhered to.

The policy states:-

- Students must not deliberately access pornographic, violent, drug-related or socially unacceptable material. In the event of undesirable material being accidentally located, students must notify supervising staff immediately.
- Students must not break copyright law by copying and/or redistributing licensed, patented or copyright software or another person's work, without correctly acknowledging them.
- Students should be aware of Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act which states that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly:
  - Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier to intimidate or harass another person.
  - Use a telecommunications service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive.
- Information published on the Internet may be inaccurate or may misrepresent a person or situation, and students should be careful in their use of this information.
- These rules are subject to change, which will be notified to students and parents. Consequences for the misuse of ICT equipment could include exclusion from the internet.
- For serious breaches of the ICT policy, the College Disciplinary Committee will convene and deliberate on the consequences.

**Please be aware that breaches of the policy such as accessing pornographic material or distributing inappropriate material can be considered a criminal offence and as such could involve police intervention and action.**