

INTERNET, ELECTRONIC DATA, PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES AND MOBILE PHONES POLICY



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INTERNET USER'S AGREEMENT

Loxton High School provides computer resources and access to the Internet in an effort to enhance teaching and learning in a supportive school environment. As responsible members of the Loxton community, it is expected that all students and other members of Loxton High School will adhere to the guidelines below. These are based on common sense, common decency, school rules and Australian Laws. Strict adherence to the guidelines will help ensure a positive, supportive and productive learning environment for all students.

All students using the Internet at Loxton High School agree that:

1. The school's Internet accounts exist to provide access to curriculum related information. Students will not use a school account to look for material which is unrelated to the school's curriculum unless they have been given permission by school staff.
2. Publications dealing with illegal activities, pornography or extreme violence are not permitted at the school. Students will not use the Internet to access unacceptable material.
3. Information published on the Internet may be inaccurate or may misrepresent a person or situation. Students will take care of my use of this information.
4. All users should abide by the Copyright laws. Students will not break Copyright law by copying and / or distributing another's work, and will not use another person's work without correct acknowledgement.
5. Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act states, that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly:
 - Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier to menace or harass another person; or
 - Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive.

Students read this statement on improper use of telecommunications services and will sign an agreement to abide by it. In all communications students agree to be respectful, accurate and use appropriate written expression that would be acceptable in any written school assessment.

6. In fairness to other users students agree to make my Internet use as efficient as possible.
7. Students agree that they understand that of the software available, only WWW access is offered to students undertaking individual research. Students agree to not use Mail, News, FTP, Chat, Telnet or other activities on the Internet without permission.
8. The use of the Internet at Loxton High School is a privilege and not a right. Students are aware that inappropriate use will result in a temporary or permanent cancellation of the

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privilege. Additional disciplinary action may be added in line with existing rules on inappropriate language or behaviour.

This agreement is co-signed by parents/caregivers of students.

ELECTRONIC DATA POLICY

1. Students may bring computing devices and data storage devices to school for educational purposes.

- The use of computing devices or portable data storage devices in a classroom must not in any way disrupt the learning environment.
- Music and earphones are not to be used during lessons or in the yard. Music and earphones may be accessed on excursions at the teacher's discretion.
- Equipment storing any images, files or data not appropriate in an educational setting is not allowed on school premises or school activities.

2. Items are brought to the school at the risk of the owner. The school assumes no financial liability for this equipment. Insurance is the owner's responsibility.

- Students are responsible for securing their own equipment and ensuring that it is not damaged. Should an item be stolen it will be reported to the Principal who will determine the appropriate extent to which an investigation will occur.

3. Loxton High School is not responsible for the maintenance of personally owned equipment.

4. Teachers will allow students to use computing devices in their class for activities where it is appropriate. Each teacher will outline specific guidelines for their classroom.

5. Student-owned devices will not be connected to the network for data access / storage and printing, unless these devices are imaged with the school's network image. A school image will only be placed on school approved devices.

6. Computing devices must be operated on the student's battery and recharging may not take place at school i.e. no electrical cords.

7. Student computing devices cannot be attached to the school network i.e. stand alone only.

- Students who need to connect to the Internet must consult with the technician to ensure security and virus control is addressed.

8. Any violation of this policy may result in the revocation of the right to use a private laptop or data storage device at Loxton High School in addition to behaviour related consequence.

POLICY FOR THE USE OF PHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGES

Our school policy is to provide an environment in which all students respect the rights of others and are free from harassment.

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Cameras for private use by students at school are generally inappropriate and will not be permitted. Use of cameras in areas considered private such as changing rooms and toilets is not permitted.

Publication of images (electronically and in hard copy) must have the consent of the people in the image. Manipulation of images must have the consent of people in the image.

Mobile phone cameras are subject to the same rules as mobile phones, that is, to be left at Reception.

MOBILE PHONE POLICY

Loxton High School is a mobile phone-free teaching environment. If mobile phones are brought to school they are to be left in the front office for the duration of the school day. A school phone is provided at reception for students' use.