

Expectations in the use of Information & Communication Technology and Services (ICT)

St Patrick's College encourages all students to creatively use new and emerging technologies to acquire, process and present information when undertaking their schoolwork.

In doing so, the College expects students to adhere to the following principles:

Empathy and Compassion	– recognising the rights of others; treating others as they wish to be treated; preventing harm, both to self and to others
Trust and Honesty	– compliance with the Law and local rules; not mis-representing the truth
Justice	– being fair and just; doing the 'right' thing; refusing to take unfair advantage
Respect	– recognising the privacy of others; recognising the ownership of others' work; looking after shared workspaces and equipment
Openness	– accepting that use of ICT is open to inspection
Integrity	– making informed decisions based on accepted standards
Responsibility	– being accountable for the management of one's actions.

Students are advised that if for any use of ICT there are doubts as to the 'correctness' of the activity, they are expected to opt for a different, more cautious and conservative action.

The College treats breaches of the principles above seriously, and penalties are applied according to the circumstance. A policy document about this can be found at

http://www.stpatricks.tas.edu.au/policies/public/documents/ICT_Ethical.pdf

Student Acknowledgement

In signing below, I agree to use information and communication technology or services in a thoughtful and caring way according to the principles outlined above:

Name

(Signed)

Parent Acknowledgement

As parent/guardian of ... I am aware that he/she has access to the use of ICT at St Patrick's College, and together with the provision of internet service has potential to access illegal and other undesirable material. I am aware that he/she is in a position of trust and may be using ICT equipment or services without direct teacher supervision.

I support the College's expectations that he/she will use ICT according to the principles outlined above.

Name

(Signed)

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