

IT GUIDELINES

Reason for the Guidelines

To provide a safe work environment for staff and students, whilst giving all students an equal opportunity to use Information Technology (IT) to benefit their education at this school. These guidelines are often known as the computer rules of this school.

Network Security

Monitoring of network

- To maintain network security, Orroroo Area School has a monitoring system that monitors and records what users are doing. This is used to ensure that all students are abiding by the rules set out in this policy. If users are in breach of the rules a message may be sent to them informing them of this breach.
- Users will be locked out of their computer if what they are doing is a major offence.
- Screenshots and event logs of user actions will occur.

User identification

- Users all have their own logins and passwords. This is to protect the student's work from other students. These logins and passwords must not be shared with others.
- All users will be accountable for any actions undertaken by their personal login.
- If you have any suspicions that someone has abused the rules whilst using your login, please notify teacher as soon as possible – otherwise above will apply.

Acceptance of conditions and rules

- Students and Parents must sign the general consent form given at the start of the year, or at the time of enrolling, accepting the conditions and rules set out in this policy regarding use of the computers and internet. **If these forms are not signed and returned by Week 3 students will not be able to access either the network or the internet.**
- Staff must sign the DECD Acceptable Use Agreement
- The library has a separate form that also needs signing allowing students access to the community internet. Use of Public Library computers is only for out of school hours.

Computer Use

Portable Hardware

- Any portable storage device that is used on the school network may be confiscated and subjected to scrutiny. Inappropriate files may be deleted.
- It is the Computer Users obligation to ensure that no virus is transported from home to the school. Consequences are liable for staff and students who knowingly infect the admin, curriculum or public library's networks with any form of virus or malicious program.



Student Computer room use

- Only nominated Year 11 and 12 students may use the rooms unsupervised.
- A nominated Year 11 should start and check the computer suite computer each day.
- Year 11 and 12 students may collect the key from the front office or ask a teacher on duty to unlock.
- The computer rooms and study suite are available at lunch and recess for Year-11 and Year 12 students.
- Computer rooms to be used only for schoolwork. No music, internet, private emailing or games
- No food or drink allowed in the computer rooms.
- If you use the room in Lesson 6 ensure all windows are secure and heating/cooling is switched off.

Student Computer/Laptop Use

- At the completion of your lesson, it is the user's responsibility to **log-off** the computer.
- Colour printing to be used only for final copies, not drafts. Drafts should be printed in black and white.
- **Save** work into your **home** folder. Only save to the share folder if your work needs to be seen by other students. All School work is to be saved to the school server. USB are only to be used to transport school work to and from home.
- If you experience **problems, please let a staff member know!! Tell your teacher** so that the problem is reported. OR write the problem down and bring it to the front office. OR email dl.0740.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au with your concern.
- **Do not load any software on the computers without teacher's and/or IT department's permission.** Consequences apply to students caught.
- **Do not download or transfer any files** that are not directly related to a specific task as directed by your class teacher.
- **Do not play computer games** unless specified by teacher.
- **Approved computer games** can be played in the library during lunchbreak after seeking approval on on-duty person. Approved games are: in the local games folder, eg Edalive games, etc. Online games must be approved by a teacher, BEFORE permission is granted.
- **No music or movies** to be played on the computer unless under the direct supervision of the class teacher.
- **Music, Movies, etc not to be transferred or downloaded** from any media (USB device to USB device, or shared folder) or from the internet unless directed by your class teacher for a specific task.
- **Do not damage the equipment.** In the case of wilful damage, the student/parent will cover the cost of repairing or replacing the item. In the case of accidental damage, the student/parent will cover the first \$200 of repairs or replacement.

1:1 Laptops

- Please ensure that your laptop is fully charged before bringing to the school! Having power cables lying around the room is an OHS issue. If your laptop needs charging during the day, **this can be done** during break times
- **Do not damage the equipment.** In the case of wilful damage, the student/parent will cover the cost of repairing or replacing the item. In the case of accidental damage, the student/parent **will** cover the first \$200 of repairs or replacement. As this is a 1:1 laptop if you do not pay for the repairs, your 1:1 privilege will be revoked. Access to a laptop or computer will be provided during school lessons, but if homework needs to be completed at home the borrowing rules for Years 4-8 will apply.
- **To prevent work loss**, please **Save** work into your **Home** folder. Only save to the share folder if your work needs to be seen by other students. It is mandatory that any school work on a USB drive or the laptops hard drive be also copied to the user's home drive.

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- If you experience **problems, please tell your teacher** so that the problem is reported. OR write the problem down and bring it to the front office. OR email dl.0740.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au with your concern.
- Report any incidents re the laptop, regardless of how minor it seems. If you are unsure on how to do something with your laptop, please see the IT department as soon as possible.
- To ensure good connectivity to the school's network, please log off your laptop and log back on at the start of the day. This will ensure all network drives and printers are available to you, before lesson starts.
- **Shut down** your laptop at the **end** of the day and **log on** at the **beginning** of the day, so any updates/fixes can be applied.
- **Remember Year 11-12 students have the option to buy their laptop if they finish Year 12 at OAS. The better it is kept, the better it's condition when you finish. Year 9-10's will own their laptop after paying appropriate yearly hire fees and finishing Year 12 at OAS.**

Internet

Students have access to the internet using DECD Learnlink system. This system is maintained externally from schools, and, as such, any problems with speed and difficulty in accessing sites may not be fixed easily.

Curriculum E-Mail and Internet Access

- All students have individual e-mail and website searching abilities, this is accessed by using an individual logon and password. Primary students use this at the discretion of their class teachers.
- Students also have access to lesson and class specific website searching, this is at the discretion of individual teachers.

Student School Internet Use Guidelines

Student Responsibilities

- All usage is to be for educational purposes.
- Use of the Internet at Orroroo Area School is a privilege, not a right.
- If you do not use it properly you will lose this privilege, as determined by the school.
- You must take responsibility for your own actions.

Conditions of use

You need to be aware that:

- Only the sites related to curriculum areas, specified by the teacher, are to be used.
- It is necessary to check that the information used from the Internet is accurate and appropriate, with bibliography attached to any information sourced from the Internet.
- You need to protect your password, so that others do not use it. If a users account is being used with or without the owners knowledge, then both accounts will be locked out.
- You are never to give out any of personal information (like name, telephone number, address, credit card details) or information about your friends when on-line.
- Your use of the internet is monitored, at all times.
- You will be able to use email, providing correct language is used.
- On-Line chat can only be used under teacher supervision.
- Downloading of **programs, OR download and/or streaming of videos or music** (unless permitted by your subject teacher) is prohibited
- Social media is not to be used on school ground. (ie No Facebook, Twitter, MySpace, etc)

Costing

Internet Cost

- As of 2014, students are not charged for internet access, at this stage. Sensible internet surfing by all students will ensure that this system can be kept.

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- It is recommended that students don't use the school's internet for streaming media, or downloading large files. If it is required for school work, please consult the IT Department first. If in doubt, ask the IT department first.

IT Equipment

Borrowing *Digital cameras, video cameras, laptops, voice recorders, and iPads are able to be loaned out from the library*

Digital Cameras, video cameras,-voice recorders and ipads

- There will be a booking sheet that the Library staff fills out.
- Students and staff will fill out the booking form for after school use of items. Including all equipment that is needed.
- If the number of requests exceeds the quantity a hierarchy system will apply:
 - Laptops
 - Staff
 - Year 8's
 - Year 7's
 - Other equipment
 - Year 12's
 - Staff
 - Year 11's
- Bookings for after school borrowing are to be in by the end of lunchtime, to give Library staff time to prioritise bookings.
- If the number of bookings for identical items (eg laptops) exceeds the quantity, only one item per family can be borrowed.
- If the student is unable to download the data off the device, Library staff may assist the student.

Laptops

Year 9-12 students have 1:1 laptops and have a separate agreement form to fill out.

Rationale:

We believe that students from Yr 4 upwards and staff should be able to use the IT Devices (ie Laptops, Computers, etc), either at home or at school, for the benefit of their learning.

Procedures for use during the day:

- 1. Teachers will send students to IT Office to collect a device which then needs to be taken to the library for borrowing.**
2. If there is a difficulty with the device, the student must inform the teacher or the IT department immediately.
3. Students will return the laptop at the end of the lesson. Any faults with the laptop **MUST** be reported at this time, otherwise the last logged on student maybe held accountable for damage to the laptop.

Procedures for overnight use:

1. Before borrowing, students and parents must sign the Laptop Computer Loan Agreement form, (this is on the General Consent Form signed at the start of the year).
2. Students must abide by the Rules as listed on Penalties for IT Guidelines Infringement.
3. The Laptop will be checked by library staff on its return, before being borrowed again.
4. If students do not abide by the Rules, they will not be able to use the Laptop for an appropriate period of time deemed relevant by staff. (See below)

5. Students on buses have priority for laptop use – Town students may be able to use Library computers after school.

Outcomes:

Students and staff are utilising the Laptop Computer to enhance their learning.

Rules

1. Take care of the computer. In the case of wilful damage the student/parent will cover the cost of repairing or replacing the item. In the case of accidental damage, the student/parent will cover the first \$200 of repairs or replacement.
2. Do not install any other games/programmes onto it. All work to be either saved to USB device or the user can email the work to themselves. Work can only be saved to the laptop if neither of the previous ways are available. It is the borrower's responsibility to ensure that their data is removed from the borrowed laptop.
3. If you need certain software on the laptop, please inform staff BEFORE taking the laptop home.
4. Ensure all components are in the case when it is returned (ie power cords, mouse etc)
5. Overnight loan only - must be returned by 9 am the following day, otherwise parent/guardian will be called to return it, and students will not be permitted to borrow AV equipment for 1 week – first offence.
6. Bookings through the Library (please have this done by lunchtime). Computer is to be collected during Home Group from front office, and then taken to library to be checked out.
7. Year 8's may have first priority for schoolwork, then Year 7's, etc.
8. If faults or damage that occurs to the laptop, it must be reported IMMEDIATELY to the IT department. The school will organise repairs as necessary. Under no circumstance should the user attempt repairs.
9. For 1:1 laptops, it is mandated that all copies of school work are stored on the school server, as well as USB device. A digital document is safer in 3 places than 1.
10. If the IT department requires the 1:1 laptop for repairs/upgrade, the IT department will assume that is no data on the laptop and the student has taken appropriate measures to ensure their work is not lost.
11. As laptops are school property, transferring/copying of copyrighted material is illegal. Distributing copyrighted files without school's consent is also illegal and the school can be fined for this activity. Cost of that fine will pass on to the users distributing the copyrighted files. Present fine is \$100,000 per offence.

Returning

- Overnight items to be returned to Library by 9 am (latest) during Home Group.
- Returning will be prompt eg if borrowed for one lesson, device must be returned before next lesson.
- There will be penalties for late returning
 - Blacklist – list of those who haven't returned equipment on time
 - Progressive penalties as per Penalties for IT Guidelines Infringement

Personal Electronic Devices.

As the student's educational time is limited, the school would prefer that personal electronic devices are not used at the school, unless under teacher guidance. This extends, but not limited to, mobile phones, music players, personal data devices (ie iPods, Tablets, etc). The teacher has the right to confiscate devices, device is sent to the front office and student can collect it at the end of the school day. Multiple infringements may result in further action.

It is the school's recommendation that Mobile Phones are not brought to school. Messaging between parents and students can be done via the Front Office.

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Penalties for IT Guidelines Infringement

- **First Offence** **One Week - no access**
- **Second Offence** **Two Weeks - no access**
- **Third Offence** **One School Term - no access**
- **Fourth Offence** **Two School Terms - no access**

Having no access to the schools or library's computer cannot be construed as an excuse for not handing in school work. The Library has many reference materials; and pen and paper is still acceptable for handing in assignments. Use of a typewriter is also acceptable, depending on assignment. Student may have limited access to computer if the student's course is entirely on-line or can only be completed on-line, under heavy supervision.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is not tolerated at Orroroo Area School. Any student that passes someone else's work off as their own may have that part of the subject failed instantly, with the possibility of no option to resubmit. As university and colleges will ban students from the course for plagiarism, Orroroo Area School feels that the students should be suitably prepared to avoid plagiarism.

If teachers feel that a student's work is not their own, the IT department has methods that will help in identifying plagiarism.