

# Student Computer Network User Agreement

Parents are to ensure they have signed the following forms as a part of their student's enrolment to acknowledge you have read this information:

1. Permission for students to have an online services account
2. Online services acceptable use agreement (Years 7 – 12)

## Policy for Acceptable Use of Australind Senior High School's Computing Resources

### 1. Purpose

At Australind Senior High School computing resources are used to educate, inform and communicate. The above mentioned forms, once completed and signed, authorises the creation of user accounts as required on Australind Senior High School's systems. Students will be unable to access the school's network resources until this document has been read, understood and completed.

### 2. Use

Students use computing resources to participate in learning activities, to communicate with other students and individuals, and to obtain material to meet their educational information needs. The use of computing resources is a privilege and inappropriate use may result in a cancellation of privileges. It is important that users are aware of their responsibilities to other users and providers of services. Accordingly, they must use the resources in a responsible manner and must respect the integrity of computer systems, networks and data to which they have access and the rules and regulations governing their use as detailed below.

The Internet is an excellent resource for research and communication. However, there is material on the Internet that is not appropriate or fitting for general use. For this reason, this policy contains rules and guidelines so that students at the school use the Internet in a suitable manner.

In light of the increasing numbers of computers that can access the Internet, it is necessary to gain parental permission for students to use the Internet. Students also need to treat the computers with care.

### 3. Expected Behaviour

The use of computing resources is a privilege, not a right. Students are expected to abide by the following rules:

#### a. Security/Hacking

- 1) A user may not share user ID's or transfer them to other users or divulge their passwords to other users.
- 2) A user may not use another's passwords.
- 3) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to seek to gain unauthorised access to Australind Senior High School facilities, services or resources or to the facilities, services or resources of any connected networks or system.
- 4) It is not acceptable to use Australind Senior High School's services for any malicious purpose.
- 5) Users who provide false information on this form will have their account removed.

- 6) Impersonating another user or otherwise falsifying one's user name in E-mail, Newsgroup postings, computing resources, Chat or with any other Computing resources service is prohibited.
- 7) Attempts whether successful or not, to gain access to any other system or users' private data, without express consent of the user are prohibited. Directories, with global access are excepted.
- 8) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to engage in activities which would damage the integrity of computer-based information.
- 9) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to gain passwords, encryption codes, or attempt to alter or destroy data belonging to Australind Senior High School or another user on any computer network. This includes storing illegally obtained information of any sort.
- 10) You may not use Chat, IRC or ICQ on the Australind Senior High School's network.

**b. Financial**

- 1) Where users knowingly access chargeable services (e.g. commercial databases) they will be liable for the charges incurred.
- 2) It is not acceptable to use Australind Senior High School's services for solely commercial activities.
- 3) A user may not download any commercial software.
- 4) Australind Senior High School's services are not intended for resale. Resale of services without making specific arrangements with Australind Senior High School is not permitted.

**c. Disruption and/or Inconvenience**

- 1) You may not create or share computer viruses.
- 2) Harassing others by "mail-bombing" or "spamming", which constitutes sending of the same or substantially similar unsolicited electronic mail messages to a large number of recipients, or more than five (5) similar mail messages to the same E-mail address is prohibited.
- 3) Flooding newsgroups with excessive numbers of posts is prohibited.
- 4) Chain letters are prohibited.
- 5) Irresponsible postings, which result in large numbers of complaints to the Australind Senior High School's Program Coordinator, Information Systems, may result in a user's account being disabled.
- 6) You may not use, play or install games unless it is part of a class project or under supervision from a teacher.
- 7) You may not send unsolicited E-mail for the purpose of advertising or soliciting.
- 8) You may not act in any way that might disrupt the use of the network or computing resources by other users.
- 9) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to engage in activities which waste Australind Senior High School resources (people, networks, computers and financial).
- 10) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to engage in activities that cause or are liable to cause disruption or denial of service to other users.
- 11) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to create, host or transmit material that is designed to cause annoyance, inconvenience or needless anxiety to others.

This includes:

- Sending, displaying or accessing offensive sites, messages or pictures.
  - Using obscene language, harassing, insulting or attacking others (including E-mail abuse).
  - Interfering with another's use of the computer.
- 12) You may not damage furniture, computers, computer networks including changing settings, hacking and/or physically abuse hardware, etc.
  - 13) You may not use the school's network to disrupt its use by other individuals or by connecting networks.
  - 14) Only students who have enrolled at Australind Senior High School will be allowed to use computing resources.
  - 15) You may not install any software or hardware unless it is part of a class assignment or project.

#### **d. Offensive**

You may not use Australind Senior High School services to create, host or transmit offensive or obscene material, or engage in activities that could cause offence to others on the grounds of race, creed or sex.

#### **e. Copyright/Legal**

- 1) All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
- 2) It is not acceptable to use Australind Senior High School's services to infringe copyright or the proprietary rights of software, other individuals or organisations.
- 3) You may not use Australind Senior High School's services to create, host or transmit material that is defamatory.
- 4) It is not acceptable to use Australind Senior High School's services for any activities, which contravene the laws of Australia or its states and territories, or of the destination country in the case of data being transmitted abroad.
- 5) You may not use Australind Senior High School's resources to engage in activities that compromise the privacy of others.

#### **f. Consequences**

Consequences for misuse/abuse of computing resources: (depending on the severity of the situation, the discipline process may include combinations of the following consequences.)

- 1) Warning
- 2) Loss of privilege of using computing resources
- 3) Referral to administration for discipline
- 4) Referral to authorities for legal processing

