

## General provision of ICT at Cornerstone

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### **Chosen Bible Verses**

Jesus tells us that we will become what we watch with our eyes. If we view good things, this will help us be good. But if we view evil things, this will encourage us to be evil.

1 Corinthians 10:31 "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."

Matthew 6:22-23 "The eye is the light of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. . . ."

1 Cor. 15:33 "Do not be deceived: 'Bad company corrupts good morals.'"

Ps. 101:3 "I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes."

### **Rationale**

The measures to ensure the acceptable use of computer and other information and communication technology (ICT) devices at Cornerstone Christian School outlined in this document are based on Cornerstones Christian School's values of respect, diligence, integrity, kindness and humility before God.

The school's computer network, internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programmes at Cornerstone Christian School and to the effective operation of the school.

Our school has cyber-safety practices in place, which include Computer and ICT Acceptable Use policies for all school staff and students.

The overall goal of this policy is to create and maintain a 'Cybersafe Culture' at Cornerstone Christian School in keeping with the values of our school, and our legislative and professional obligations. This policy includes information about students' obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with breaching this acceptable internet use policy which undermine the safety of the school environment.

All new students are issued with the current Computer and ICT Acceptable Agreement for Students and once signed consent has been given to the school, students are able to use the school's ICT equipment/devices.

### Overarching philosophy regarding student protection online

Whilst Cornerstone will have a network and internet access which is secure and filtered against inappropriate material, we recognise that an element of danger/risk will always accompany access to the internet. As such, emphasis will be on educating students how to respond in a Godly manner in all situations.

### **Aim**

This Policy is written to guide those applying for (or currently holding) access to Cornerstone Christian School owned or administered Information and Communication Technology resources. It also applies to appropriate student-owned devices that have been brought to Cornerstone

Christian School and connected to the Cornerstone Christian School wireless network. This programme is called Bring Your Own Device or BYOD.

The terms of the agreement **will** be applied to a range of scenarios including but not limited to:

1. Use of the main school network.
2. Use of school owned wireless networks on the school Campus.
3. Emerging Information and Communication Technologies not explicitly named in this document.

The terms of the agreement **may** be applied to a range of scenarios including but not limited to:

4. Use of Information and Communication Technologies outside of the school impacting detrimentally on the School or members of the school community.

The dynamic nature of ICT necessitate that this document sets out the spirit of network access rights granted to our ICT Users. Users are encouraged to seek advice from their teacher or a member of the Cornerstone Senior Management team when unsure of the acceptability of a specific activity.

## Glossary

Important terms used in this document:

- a The abbreviation 'ICT' in this document refers to the term 'Information and Communication Technologies'.
- b The abbreviation 'BYOD' in this document refers to the term 'Bring Your Own (ICT) Device'.
- c 'Cybersafety' refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including desktop computers, laptop computers, notebook computers, tablet computers and other handheld mobile, and non 3G/4G/5G capable devices such as iPads.
- d 'School ICT' refers to the school's computer network, internet access facilities, computers, and other school ICT equipment/devices as outlined below.
- e The statement "rude" includes anything that the school considers to be inappropriate; Examples include, pornography, excessive violence, or items that are in poor taste under the circumstances.
  - a. When determining what is inappropriate, the following factors will be taken into account by the school: the age of students involved, course contexts, supervision levels, and/or any other relevant information available at the time.
    - i. The word "pornographic" covers photographs, films, or other material depicting erotic or sexual acts designed to cause sexual arousal. "Rude" does not include the use of educational materials by, teachers in subjects, eg senior biology and health.
    - ii. The word "violent" covers actual filmed violence such as playground brawls/assaults
      1. Note: Simulated violence, such that may be seen in movies and or/gaming, might also be considered inappropriate by the school. When considering what is inappropriate, the following factors will be taken into account by the school: the age of students involved, any course contexts/purposes, supervision levels, and any other relevant information available at the time.