



Cybersafety Policy

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Cyber safety refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones. Common cyber safety issues include:

CYBERBULLYING

St Joseph's College has a zero tolerance policy in relation to all forms of. Cyberbullying which include but are not restricted to harassment, insults and humiliation that occurs through the electronic mediums such as email, mobile phones, social networking sites, instant messaging programs, chat rooms, web-sites and through the playing of online games.

PROTECTING PERSONAL INFORMATION

Students should never include identifying information such as full name, address, phone numbers, email addresses, usernames and passwords, bank details, school attended, etc. Students should not post information that may identify them or present them in a negative manner. A cyber reputation once established is there forever.

UNWANTED CONTACT

Students are also advised to limit their contact to people they know in real life to avoid problems.

PROTECTING COMPUTERS: eSECURITY

To avoid misuse of their own accounts students are reminded not to share passwords and to change passwords regularly using a combination of letters, numbers and symbols. Students are expected to back up their files every night to protect data contents.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTACT

Inappropriate contact is content which breaches norms or standards on social, religious, cultural or other grounds. Students should not visit sites or post or download data of a violent, sexual or extremist nature. Hate sites, content that instructs or promotes crime or violence and online advertising are also prohibited.

EXCESSIVE INTERNET USE

Students should limit time spent on computer and internet activities. Excessive use has been found to limit social and communication skills creating problems in real life relationships and interactions. Excessive use can become an unhealthy obsession.

Consequences apply to any misuse of internet access or cyber safety breach. Consequences may include loss of internet and/or laptop privileges, lunch time detention, after school detention, suspension, and in very serious instances may involve police intervention.