

Appendix i - Acceptable Use of ICT Statement – Parents and or Guardians

1. Overview

1.1. ACT Education Directorate public schools operate within various policy guidelines that support the rights and expectations of every member of the school community to engage in and promote a safe and inclusive educational environment. This environment includes, but is not limited to:

- the ACT Education Directorate’s computer network
- Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) that connect to its networks
- online applications hosted within the ACT Education Directorate’s secure environment (e.g. Digital Backpack, Oliver) as well as online and/or cloud environments outside of the ACT Education Directorate’s secure online environment.

1.2. According to the [*Australian Curriculum: Information and Communication Technology \(ICT\) Capability*](#): “To participate in a knowledge-based economy and to be empowered within a technologically sophisticated society now and into the future, students need the knowledge, skills and confidence to make ICT work for them at school, at home, at work and in their communities.” The ACT Education Directorate recognises the need for students to engage with ICT resources and that the safe and responsible use of these technologies – including online behaviour – is best taught in partnership with parents and/or guardians.

1.3. To ensure the security of the network and users, the ACT Education Directorate may authorise access to user logs in the event that there is a potential breach of the conditions of this policy, which may pose a threat to:

- System security
- Privacy of staff and students
- Privacy of others
- Legal liability of the ACT Government
- Student welfare

1.4. By signing this statement, you acknowledge the procedures and guidelines outlined in the *Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT– Parents and Students Policy* and agree to your child accessing ICT resources in ACT schools.

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I have read and understand the *Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT– Parents and Students Policy* and its associated procedural documents: *Acceptable Use of ICT Guidelines and Use of Third Party Web Based Educational Services Guidelines*. I understand the need for my child to be a safe and responsible user of ICT resources – including the use of PEDs and support the ACT Education Directorate in the implementation of the policy guidelines as outlined in the *Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT Resources Policy*. I have discussed this information with my child.

I agree to my child having access to school computers, local applications, and network drives

Yes or No (please tick one)

Note: if you select No, this will automatically prevent your child from accessing any of the other services below.

- Internet Yes or No (please tick one)
- Internal (school) email Yes or No (please tick one)
- Digital Backpack Yes or No (please tick one)

Name of child (printed): _____

Parent and/or Guardian (Name printed): _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____