



## St. Raphael's College

### Acceptable Internet Use Policy (AIUP) (School-accessed)

#### **Introduction**

The Internet links thousands of computer networks around the world, giving St. Raphael's students access to a wide variety of computer and information resources. In general, electronic traffic passes freely in a trusting atmosphere with a minimum of constraints.

The school does not have control of the information on the Internet. Some sites accessible via the Internet may contain material that is inappropriate for educational use in a school's setting.

We do not condone the use of such materials and do not permit usage of such materials in the school environment.

St. Raphael's College specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its Internet accounts.

#### **School's strategy**

The school will employ a number of strategies in order to maximize learning opportunities and reduce risks associated with the Internet. These strategies are as follows:

- Internet sessions will always be supervised by a teacher or a person approved by the school.
- Access will be allowed only to approved educational sites.
- The school reserves the right to regularly monitor and archive pupils Internet usage.
- Virus protection software will be used and updated on a regular basis.
- Students will not visit Internet sites that contain obscene, illegal, hateful or otherwise objectionable materials.
- Students will not send or receive any material, by email, that is illegal, obscene, defamatory, or that is intended to annoy or intimidate another person.
- Students will not reveal their own or other people's personal details, such as addresses, media addresses, telephone numbers, pictures or any other details.
- Students will not arrange to meet someone outside school via school email.
- Students are not permitted to have access to chat rooms or discussion forums.
- Face to face meetings with someone organised via Internet chat are forbidden.

**Student Guidelines**

- Any action by a student that is determined by their classroom Teacher or a system administrator -
  - to constitute an inappropriate use of the Internet at St. Raphael’s College
  - or**
  - to improperly restrict or inhibit others from using and enjoying the Internet- is a violation of the Acceptable Internet Use Policy (AIUP).
- Transmission of material, information or software in violation of any school policy, or law is prohibited and is a breach of the AIUP.
- Violating the AIUP may result in:
  - restricted network access,
  - loss of network access,
  - disciplinary or legal action including, but not limited to, criminal prosecution under appropriate laws.
  
- In order to ensure smooth system operations, the System Administrator has the authority to monitor all accounts. Every effort will be made to maintain privacy and security in this process.
  
- Similar guidelines apply to all members of the school community who use the Internet.

This Policy will be reviewed regularly or as circumstances require.

Ratified by the Board of Management on \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson, Board of Management

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal