

STUDENT APPLICATION FOR INTERNET ACCESS, USE, AND PARTICIPATION

The Internet is recognized as an essential tool for learning, and it is necessary that students understand the appropriate use of this technology in accordance with the Computer and Information Technology Policy. Blended learning (ie: the use of a learning management system and/or digital online tools) are central to the strategy that aims to:

- improve communication between the teacher and students,
- promote greater collaboration and critical thinking among students,
- differentiate learning and assessment for all students.

To ensure that all students have access to these services, student information may be used in the setup and tracking of accounts of Ministry or Board endorsed online programs.

All students using the Internet on Board or personal devices will:

1. Act as witnesses to the truth and values of the Catholic faith reflecting the school's Code of Behaviour and the Ontario Catholic Graduate Expectations.
2. Obtain permission from their teacher before accessing the Internet.
3. Download programs only with teacher permission and scan downloaded programs for viruses.
4. Back out of any site which is transmitting unacceptable information or graphics and notify the teacher.
5. Use proper, socially acceptable language that honours the dignity of self, God and others.
6. Properly footnote and include in a bibliography any information which is obtained from the Internet and incorporated into an assignment.

Students will not:

1. Send or display any offensive pictures or messages. Students will not take photos or video of any person without prior consent.
2. Use obscene language, or language reflecting racial, ethnic or religious prejudice.
3. Use the Internet for product advertisement, commercial or for profit purposes.
4. Violate copyright laws.
5. Use someone else's password or e-mail address.
6. Violate security systems which have been put into place to protect computers, file servers, networks and users, both within and outside the Board.
7. Provide personal information about themselves or others through the Internet (name, phone number, address, etc.).
8. Arrange to meet anyone as a result of Internet contact.
9. Use Internet access in any way which wastes finite resources such as printer paper, hard drive and storage devices, printer ribbons/cartridges and any other materials provided by the Board.
10. Engage in any form of cyberbullying.

Penalties outlined in the School Code of Behaviour and Safe Schools Legislation will apply to students who do not honour these terms and conditions.