

# Policy on Use of the Internet

Students shall be able to use the Internet under the following conditions:

## **Guideline 1: General statement**

- The Internet is provided for the education of and the improved delivery of curriculum material. Students are encouraged to make use of the services to this end.
- School management and the Board of Trustees reserve the right to make random audits of the history files that record which web sites that students / staff have visited.
- A regular audit will be carried out of which sites have been visited by staff and students. Staff / students accessing inappropriate sites will be dealt with through the school discipline policy.

## **Guideline 2: E mail**

- E-mail is provided for students to make contact with other students or teachers in the interest of education.
- All E-mail will make use of customary greetings and salutations.
- Information sent via E-mail shall be constructive, informative or inquiring in the interest of both the sender and receiver.
- All E-mail may be read by the teacher / supervisor.
- No profanity, obscenities, or any other language that could be construed as such is to be used in any E-mail messages.

## **Guideline 3: Use of service**

- No private information is to be distributed to other parties at any time. This includes reposting of information sent by another party.
- The network is not to be used by any student for personal gain or illegal activity.
- Deliberate attempts to gain access to WWW, FTP, Gopher or Telnet sites containing material of pornographic, racially or religiously offensive, illegal or offensive material will be dealt with as a serious breach of school rules.
- Downloading of material must be scanned for viruses at all times and any deliberate attempt to spread viruses through the network will be dealt with by the management of the school.
- All copyright, privacy and international laws are to be abided by at all times.

## **Guideline 4: Accounts**

- At no time are students to place orders for goods or services over the Internet using the school name, title or funds.
- E-mail accounts are set up for the intended user only. Use of other student's accounts to send and receive E-mail is unacceptable.

## **Guideline 5: Liability**

- Fraser High School is not, and cannot be held responsible for the loss of material, accidental corruption or any other action that might affect transmission or loss of data.
- Fraser High School has taken all possible precautions to maintain safety of all users and these guidelines are written and enforced in the interest of all users safety and effective use of the Internet.

## **Infringement of the guidelines:**

- Students who make minor infringement of the guidelines may result in them having their Internet licence withdrawn for a period of time (therefore no internet access)
- For serious offences (eg Deliberate attempts to gain access to WWW, FTP, Gopher or Telnet sites containing material of pornographic, racially or religiously offensive, illegal or offensive material – illegal activities – deliberately attempting to spread viruses), these matters will be referred to either Principal, Deputy Principals or Computer Manager, for disciplinary actioning. (Legal or police action may be taken).

