STUDENT GUIDELINES FOR THE USE OF
PRIVATELY OWNED
PORTABLE COMPUTING EQUIPMENT

This document provides guidelines for the connection and use of privately owned portable computers such as notebooks, laptops and PDAs, by authorised users, to the Loreto College network. It does not cover portable digital devices such as iPods, USB storage drives or other such devices.

Students using personally owned hardware and software are responsible for any damage or misuse caused by the items on or connected to the Loreto College resources. They are also responsible for the security of the items. Loreto College or its representatives are in no way responsible, implied or otherwise, for the damage, misuse, or theft of personal items.

All personally owned hardware must be electrically tested and tagged before being used within the College environs.

Personal hardware and software will not be worked on, maintained or upgraded by the IT Department.

Definitions:
Authorised Users:
Authorised users are current staff and students of Loreto College – Marryatville, and others whose access furthers the mission of the College and whose use does not interfere with staff and student access to resources.

Authorised Use:
Authorised use of Loreto College owned or operated network/communications resources refers to all use that is consistent with the mission and educational purposes of this College and is within the Loreto College Acceptable Use Policy.

Privately Owned Equipment:
Privately owned equipment is any item that has not been purchased by the College and is therefore not included on any College Asset Register or Insurance Policy.

Portable Computing Equipment:
Portable computing equipment is any equipment that can be connected to the Loreto College information network by cable or wireless access points. This includes, but is not restricted to: notebook, laptop, PDA, and mobile phone devices and their associated peripheral equipment eg printers.

Use of privately owned equipment.
Students are able to use, at the College’s discretion, privately owned computing equipment in the College with the following understandings:

1. Students are responsible, for the security and integrity of information stored on their personal equipment. This responsibility includes making regular disk backups, controlling physical and network access to the equipment, not disabling virus protection software and ensuring that passwords or other information that would allow others access to the College network is stored in a secure environment.
2. Regardless of who owns the computing equipment and when it is used, anyone using the College’s network resources is subject to the provisions of the Loreto College Acceptable Use Policy. Content that is stored on the hardware should not undermine the ethos of the College.

3. Loreto College bears no liability whatsoever for damage, theft, or loss of personally owned computing equipment or related peripheral equipment, or data stored on such equipment.

4. Personally owned computers may have access to the Loreto College network, at the discretion of the Heads of School, Head of Boarding, Learning Technologies Coordinator and / or Network Manager, through wireless or cable connection. This is provided that:
   
a. The equipment has suitable connectivity ability such as a wireless card or network cable plug, depending on area in which it is to be used. If additional equipment is required to enable a connection to the network this will be at the expense of the individual.

b. Equipment is registered with and configured by the IT Dept. Access cannot be enabled without doing so.

c. Up to date virus protection software is installed, and kept current, on computing equipment. Equipment will not be configured to access the Loreto network without adequate virus and spy-ware protection.

d. Equipment meets the minimum standard as per Appendix A this is reviewed and updated on an annual basis.

5. Help desk requests involving personally owned equipment for use on College premises will be completed at the discretion of the Learning Technologies Coordinator or the Network Manager. Technical staffs’ first priority is to support College owned equipment. Therefore, support for personally owned equipment can only be rendered on an as available basis.
   
a. Predominately, first-line software and hardware issues assistance is available, that is minor problems as identified by IT Dept

b. When hardware or software issues are deemed to be greater than first-line the owner of the equipment will be responsible for any repair costs if they either organise their own repairs or seek assistance from the IT Dept in outsourcing the repair to a qualified technician.

6. The Learning Technologies Coordinator and / or the Network Manager will determine areas of the network that will be accessible to the staff and students. Whether connecting to the network or being used as ‘stand-alone’ equipment, usage may be confined to certain locations.

7. The College reserves the right to shut down the network at any time for maintenance. Loreto College and its representatives bear no liability for the unavailability of the network and associated resources.

**Security procedures**

Loreto College retains the right to develop, implement, maintain and enforce appropriate security procedures to ensure the integrity of individual and College information, however stored, and to impose appropriate consequences when security is breached.
APPENDIX A

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Personally owned computers granted access to the Loreto College network must have the following minimum standards:

Software Requirements

Operating system: Windows XP

Windows security updates MUST be updated when released by the software manufacturer.

Other required software
- Antivirus application – with proof this can be updated over the school year
- Anti-spyware application (an open source product may be supplied by the IT Dept but this is NOT to be DISABLED)

Hardware Requirements

Windows based hardware ONLY – Apple Macintosh machines will not be granted access to the network.

Equipment should have enough RAM to run the software minimum 512Mb. However, 1 Gb is preferred.

Wireless connectivity
- Inbuilt wireless card (preferred)
- Wireless card (external) this can be supplied by the IT Dept at a cost to students, dependent on the brand etc.
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Agreed and Accepted

By

Signature

Date