



## **COMPUTER AND INTERNET POLICY**

### **Rationale:**

**Ararat College School network, Internet and electronic mail are provided for educational purposes only. Parents are required to abide by the following arrangements if their child is to use the Ararat College network.**

### **Implementation:**

- They **WILL** use the computer resources and their internet account solely for educational purposes
- They **WILL** observe all copyright laws, including those that relate to computer software and material published on the internet
- They **WILL** respect the rights and privacy of other users
- They **WILL** report any obscene or offensive material they encounter
- They understand the Logs of their internet and email access will be kept and could be scanned at any time

### **They will NOT**

- Use the school computers to play games, excepting educational games under the direction of a teacher
- Tamper with the system (which includes the network or workstation) and its desktop in any way including, but not limited to, the storage of unauthorized software
- Bypass the proxy server to access internet sites that have been banned or restricted
- Use another student's account or tamper with another student's account in any way
- Allow anyone else to use their account or give their password to anyone else
- Attempt to retrieve, view or disseminate any obscene, offensive, pornographic or illegal material
- Threaten or abuse any other user
- Send offensive, racist or sexist messages
- Send anonymous or falsely addressed email

### **They realize that if they do not abide by the above rules**

1. Their internet and internal email access may be withdrawn
2. They may be subject to other disciplinary action
3. They may not be able to continue with subjects in learning areas which require regular computer access

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's annual review cycle.