Technology Usage Policy

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STATEMENT OF POLICY   The students of Ryan Catholic College will be provided with access to a wide range of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) resources for learning and communication. Students will be accountable to the College community and to each other for the appropriate use of these technologies.

RATIONALE   The availability of ICT resources provides the opportunity for schools to help students develop their full potential academically, spiritually, emotionally and physically. In accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church, the practice of communication must reflect the highest standard of truth, accountability, dignity and mutual respect at Ryan Catholic College.

POLICY DIRECTIVE   Ryan Catholic College acknowledges that the availability of access to information on a global level poses a significant risk of exposure to inappropriate and offensive material.

1. Acceptable use of technology may include, but is not limited to:
   a) facilitating, gathering and disseminating information;
   b) encouraging collaborative projects and resource sharing;
   c) assisting technology transfer and fostering innovation;
   d) supporting education and research;
   e) personal development; and
   f) any other tasks that support the students' learning or the College community.

2. Unacceptable use would include, but is not limited to:
   a) accessing networks without proper authorisation, including communicating information concerning passwords, identification codes or other confidential authentication information; and
   b) interfering with, or disrupting, network users, services or equipment.

3. Ryan Catholic College will provide opportunities to learn about the ethical and moral responsibilities associated with the use of ICT. Such responsibilities include copyright issues, plagiarism, referencing and accessing inappropriate sites and materials.

4. This policy works in conjunction with the Ryan Catholic College Anti-Bullying Policy, Mobile Telecommunication Devices Policy and Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy.

5. The Student Computer Usage Agreement is contained in the Student Diary. Students are required to comply with this Agreement.

6. The use of technology at Ryan Catholic College must not infringe child protection legislation, privacy legislation, anti-discrimination laws, copyright laws and other relevant legislation and policies. Disciplinary action will be taken against any person who breaches this policy.