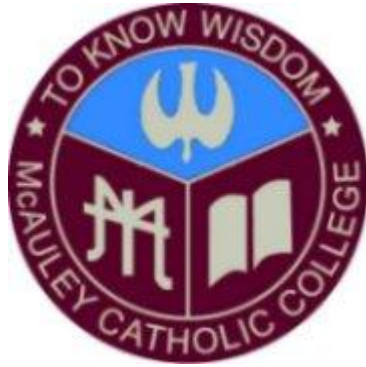


McAuley Catholic College



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Network access is available to students, teachers and members of the College community. We are pleased to provide this access to McAuley Catholic College and believe it offers vast, diverse and unique resources to the College community.

The College Network also gives users access to the Internet. The Internet is an electronic network connecting thousands of computers all over the world and has millions of individual subscribers. It provides students and staff with access to electronic mail communication, information and news.

On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and a persistent user may discover controversial information. The College believes that the benefits of Internet access to educators and students, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far exceed any disadvantages.

The continued availability of the Internet in the College relies upon the proper conduct of the users. Guidelines are provided here so that students and their parents or guardians are aware of the responsibilities that accompany the privilege of using the College's Network.

Guidelines for Acceptable Use of the Network

Privileges

Use of the McAuley Catholic College Network is a privilege not a right, and inappropriate use can result in a cancellation of those privileges. Based upon the Acceptable Use Guidelines below, the System Administrators will deem what is inappropriate use of the Network and take action accordingly. The System Administrators or the Principal may suspend or close an account at any time, as required.

The Administration and Staff of McAuley Catholic College may also request the System Administrator or the Principal to deny, revoke or suspend specific user accounts. This suspension will be notified in writing and a copy sent home to the student's parent/guardian.

Inappropriate Material

Students' use of their accounts must be in support of education and academic research and consistent with the educational objectives of the College. Accessing or transmitting materials that are inappropriate (e.g. obscene, sexually explicit or violent material) is prohibited. Hate mail, harassment, discriminatory remarks and other anti-social behaviour are unacceptable.

Transmission of any material in violation of any Federal or State Regulations is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material as well as threatening or obscene material.

Network Security

Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If a student feels that he/she can identify a security problem on the MCC Network, the student **must** notify the System Administrator. The problem must not be demonstrated to other users.

Student files or email on the McAuley Catholic College Network are not guaranteed to be private. The System Administrators have access to all files and e-mail, and although not accessed regularly, they can be accessed if a user is suspected of violating the Student Agreement. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities will be reported to the proper authorities.

Attempts to gain unauthorized access to system programs or computer equipment is prohibited. All activities are monitored and any violations will be dealt with severely.

Any malicious attempt to harm, modify or destroy data on the Network is prohibited. This includes data of other students or staff.

If a student gives another student his/her password, both students will have their Network privileges suspended until further notice.

At no time may programs in any form be installed on the College's Network by any user other than the System Administrators. This includes all executable files.

At no time may storage media of any form from home (such as floppy disks, CD's, DVD's, memory sticks, or USB storage devices) be used with the College's computers

unless approved by the System Administrators. All media approved must be virus scanned at College before opening any files.

Deliberate vandalism will result in cancellation of all Network privileges. Vandalism is defined as an attempt to obtain, harm or destroy hardware, software or data on the MCC Network. This includes, but is not limited to, the up-loading or creation of computer viruses.

Email & Other Communication

Students may only email using the email account provided to them by the College. They are not permitted to use Webmail programs such as Hotmail, Yahoo Mail or similar.

Unless directed by a teacher, McAuley Catholic College students will not participate in any Internet Relay Chat (eg. MSN Messenger, ICQ), On-line Chat Rooms or online games.

Publication of materials

Students' private web pages will not be linked to College Home Pages and students are responsible for the contents of their pages. No home addresses, telephone numbers or other personal information, including identifiable photographs of students of McAuley Catholic College, will appear on student Web Pages.

Publication of students' College work on the MCC Web Site may only be undertaken by the Staff of McAuley Catholic College and only then with the permission of the student concerned.

Copyright

All communications and information accessible via the Network should be assumed to be private property and subject to copyright protection. Use of these sources needs to be credited appropriately as with the use of any copyrighted material. In some cases, an author's permission may need to be obtained before materials may be used.

Network Etiquette

Users shall abide by the rules of network etiquette. These include using appropriate language, respecting the privacy of other users, and not disrupting the use of the Network by other users.

Personal Safety

For their own safety, users should not reveal any personal home addresses or telephone numbers or other data that will identify the student at any time while using the Network.

Printing

No printing is permitted without prior permission of the teacher or System Administrator. Charges may apply for unauthorised printing.

Reliability

The McAuley Catholic College Network makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. McAuley Catholic College will not be responsible for any damages which may occur.

This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, mis-deliveries or service interruptions caused by its own negligence or students' errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via the McAuley Catholic College Network is at students' own risk.

While every endeavour is made to present accurate and up-to-date information, the McAuley Catholic College Network specifically denies any responsibility for the accuracy or quality of information obtained through its services.