

Information Technology Acceptable Use Policy at St. Mary's International School.

Internet access supports the educational process and facilitates interpersonal communication. To do this effectively, it must be used responsibly and in a positive manner. Student use of the school's Internet access must be consistent with St. Mary's educational philosophy, its mission, its vision, and its Schoolwide Learner Expectations. If the Internet is to remain a positive tool for our school, it is important that students learn to access the Internet in line with these parameters

At school, students using the school Internet Access must be supervised at all times. Each student user is responsible to ensure his own good behavior online, the same responsibility he bears when in the classroom or other areas of the school.

Teachers should provide students with known web sites that can help them with the subjects they are studying, as well as give them the skills necessary to perform appropriate searches over the Internet. Families must assume the responsibility for providing the same kind of guidance at home.

To ensure that students can access the Internet in safe and positive ways, guidelines must be in place. St. Mary's Acceptable Use Policy is as follows:

Users of our school-provided Internet access are not permitted to:

- a. access, upload, download, or distribute pornographic, obscene, or sexually explicit material;*
- b. transmit obscene, abusive, sexually explicit, or threatening language;*
- c. violate any Japanese laws*
- d. vandalize, damage, or disable the property of another individual or organization;*
- e. access another individual's materials, information, or files without permission;*
- f. violate copyright or otherwise use of the intellectual property of another individual or organization without permission.*
- g. violate any common sense rules of proper student conduct, even if not specifically enumerated herein.*

Any violation of the above will be taken seriously, and violators may not only lose their Internet privileges but may be subject to further disciplinary action at the discretion of the building principal.

St. Mary's International School makes no warranties of any kind, either expressed or implied, for the internet access it is providing. Neither is St. Mary's liable for any misuse of its Internet access or other information technology service provided by the school.