Amano Christian School
Electronic Policy
(To be returned to the School)

Acceptable use: The primary purpose of all our electronic resources and the Internet is to support the school's educational mission. While it is impossible to prevent the truly determined from accessing questionable material, we have attempted to secure thorough and complete content protection for our students and staff.

The purpose of this agreement is to outline the rules for using the local area network and the Internet at Amano Christian School. Because of the cost and sensitivity of computer equipment, and because of the unregulated nature of material found on the Internet, all students must adhere to these rules for usage. Users are responsible for ensuring that their activities conform to Amano Christian School's standards as an institution of Christian education and are consistent with Biblical principles and values. Philippians 4:8 **"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think on these things."**

Network storage areas may be treated like school lockers. Network administrators may review files and communications at any time in order to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect the files will be private.

Passwords: If a password is assigned to a student, that password should remain secure. Passwords should not be shared or transferred. All users of the network will be accountable for their use of the computer, including any use of a computer by someone using their user name and password. All users assume responsibility (personal, legal, financial, and otherwise) for their actions while using the computer network and while accessing Internet content over the station's communicating system.

Prohibited Activities

1. Conduct on the Internet or over the network that is harmful, harassing, or otherwise offensive to others (including use of inappropriate language within personal emails)
2. Involvement in any activity prohibited by the law (i.e. downloading / copying copyrighted music, copying protected software without authorisation, use of Voice Over IP Services, plagiarising, etc)
3. Loading software of any kind without approval or permission.
4. Attempting to establish a commercial venture on the network.
5. Involvement with online gambling.
6. Participation in online games without permission.
7. Disclosing another individual's confidential or personal information without their permission.
8. Sharing passwords.
9. Transferring "chain" type letters via e-mail.
10. Participating in chat groups on school computers.
11. Access of e-mail accounts other than those provided by Amano Christian School.
12. Intentionally wasting limited resources, including but not limited to paper, toner/ink. etc.
13. Accessing, storing and/or transferring obscene, pornographic, or sexually explicit materials.
14. Accessing, storing and/or transferring material promoting violence or that explains how to construct materials useful in carrying out violent acts.
15. Accessing files/folders belonging to other students or staff on the network.
16. Accessing any area of the school network without permission.
17. Interfering with normal and proper network operations and/or normal and proper Internet access/operations.
18. Abuse or damage to any network system, computer equipment, or software, especially if it is due to direct violation of these rules.
19. Leaving a computer unattended while "logged-on".
20. Writing unauthorised programs.

Prohibited Electronic Equipment and Software

Cell phones	Personal Television sets	DVD or video players
Laptop computers	MP3 players and Ipods	Memory Sticks & Mass Storage Devices
Hand held computer games	Copied i.e. non original, CD's, DVD's, Computer games, also copied audiocassettes	

- ***Inappropriate use may result in cancellation of access privileges, in addition to disciplinary or possible legal action.***
- ***During the school term students may not use any computer (personal or otherwise) to circumvent Amano's Acceptable Use Policy.***
- ***All users must sign and return this consent form before the student will be allowed to access the school network.***

Student's signature: _____ Print name: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Print name: _____

Date: _____

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