



# GRACE LUTHERAN COLLEGE

## STUDENT COMPUTER LICENCE - 2008

### PREAMBLE

Grace College's Computer Network allows access to e-mail and the Internet to enable students to explore thousands of libraries, databases and bulletin boards as well as exchanging messages with Internet users throughout the world. Families should be warned that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate or potentially offensive to some people. While our intent in making Internet access available is to further educational goals and objectives, students may find ways to access other materials as well. The College believes that the benefits to students from the use of computers and access to the Internet, in the form of information resources and opportunities for collaboration, far outweigh any disadvantages. The College now uses filtering software for the Internet, however this software does not guarantee that no inappropriate content may be accessible.

### GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected to exhibit good behaviour when using school computer networks just as they are in a classroom or anywhere else on campus. Communications on the network are often public in nature and so general school rules for behaviour and communications apply.

The network is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others. Access to network services is granted to students who agree to act in a considerate and responsible manner. Access is a privilege - not a right. Access entails responsibility and parental permission is required.

Network storage areas are to be treated like school lockers. The Network administrator may review files and communications to maintain system integrity and ensure that users are using the system responsibly. Users should not expect that files stored on servers will always be private. Students should delete all unnecessary files on their H:Drive on a continual basis.

Outside of school, families need to provide the same guidance with the use of computers as they do with other potentially offensive media such as television, movies, magazines and radio.

### COMPUTER NETWORKS: UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOUR

When using the College computers, students may **NOT**

- Retrieve offensive material
- Send or display offensive messages or pictures
- Use inappropriate language
- Harass, insult or attack others
- Access Internet Games or Chat Rooms
- Damage or interfere with computers, computer programs, computer systems or computer networks, including any security measure in place on any individual computer or network.
- Use College computers to damage or interfere with computers at other locations
- Violate copyright laws eg. by copying College programs for use at home without permission
- Use another's password
- Trespass in another's folders, work or files
- Use disks from home, without firstly obtaining permission of the teacher in charge
- Use the network for any purpose that contravenes the Christian ethos of the College
- Register for any organization/association
- Place orders, make purchases, provide Credit Card details
- Make additions or deletions to Bookmarks/Favourites
- Download or Save any Programs from any Source, including .exe files

USER AGREEMENT AND PARENT PERMISSION FORM – 2007

As a user of the Grace College computer network, I hereby agree to comply with the above stated rules. I will not hold any staff of Grace College responsible, or legally liable, for any materials distributed or acquired from the network. I also agree to report any misuse of the Network to the Teacher Librarian, Computer Coordinator or my subject teacher.

**I understand that any breaches of the above agreement may result in my Computer Licence being revoked which will affect my ability to pursue computer-based subjects in the future.**

**Student Signature .....**      **Date .....**

As the parent or legal guardian of the student signing above, I understand that, while some materials on the Internet may be objectionable, Internet use at the College is designed for educational purposes only. I also understand that, while the College will make every effort to ensure that controversial material is not accessed, it cannot guarantee the restraint of all such material. I agree not to hold any staff of Grace College responsible or legally liable for any materials distributed or acquired from the network. I also agree to report any misuse of the Network to the Teacher Librarian, Head of Information Technology or subject teacher. I also understand that any breaches of the above agreement may result in my son/daughter's Computer Licence being revoked which will affect their ability to pursue computer-based subjects in the future.

I accept responsibility of supporting staff, by providing guidance of Internet use, setting and conveying standards for my daughter or son to follow when selecting, sharing or exploring information and media.

**Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....**

**Name of Student.....Home Class.....**

**My Son/Daughter has access to the internet on a computer at home      YES / NO**

NOTE

Non-return of the Agreement by Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2007 will result in your student being unable to access the College computer network.

**PLEASE RETURN TO YOUR HOME CLASS TEACHER**