

ROTORUA GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL INTRANET and e LEARNING RESOURCES ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS



Dear Parent / Caregiver

Rotorua Girls High School's Intranet and eLearning Resources (e.g. internet, digital and video cameras and computers) are available to students. However, before being granted access to the RGHS intranet and eLearning Resources, all students must have the permission of their parent/caregiver. Both they and you must sign below as evidence of your approval and their acceptance of the rules of access.

Please read the following requirements and discuss them with your daughter, then complete the permission section.

ACCEPTABLE USE

The use of computers at Rotorua Girls High School must support education and research that is consistent with the Learning Outcomes of the curriculum. Transmission of any material in violation of any NZ regulation is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to: copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material or material protected by trade secret.

When using a global information system such as the Internet, it is possible that students may find material on the Internet that parents consider objectionable. It is not always possible for Rotorua Girls High School to filter or screen all material which is inappropriate. Although students will be supervised when they use the Internet, this does not guarantee that students will not access inappropriate materials.

Parents are encouraged to discuss responsible use of the Internet with their children and how this responsibility includes using the Internet at school, as well as from home.

INAPPROPRIATE USE

Rotorua Girls High School teachers and the Principal deem what is appropriate use. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of violations with any services provided by Rotorua Girls High School may be denied access to the RGHS Internet. It may also involve the student being stood-down or suspended.

The Network Manager and/or Principal reserve the right, at their sole discretion, to suspend or terminate the student's access to, and use of, the RGHS Intranet upon any breach of "Acceptable Use" by the student. Prior to a suspension or termination, or as soon after as is practicable, the Network Manager and/or Principal will inform the student of the suspected breach and give the student and parents an opportunity to present an explanation.

If this action results in any financial cost to the school i.e. use of a professional person to rectify the action, the parent / caregiver will receive an invoice for the amount of the services and/or repairs.

The following are some examples of inappropriate use of RGHS resources and are strictly prohibited. This list is not all-inclusive:

- Supporting or accessing sites that promote hate language, harassments or threats
- Supporting or accessing sites that ridicule others on the basis of race, creed, religion, sex, disability or nationality
- Misleading someone into believing you are acting in an official capacity
- Using any software that allows your computer to be shared outside the RGHS firewall without first obtaining approval from the Network Manager
- Creating and / or forwarding chain letters and mass mailings
- Violating license and other computer-related contract provisions, particularly those that expose RGHS to legal costs or damages
- Using software, such as password-cracking tools, vulnerability scanners, and network sniffers, without the express written consent of the Network Manager
- Storing any material on the RGHS server that may infringe The New Zealand Copyright Act 1994

VANDALISM

Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges as well as other sanctions (see Inappropriate Use). Vandalism includes any malicious attempt to harm, modify or destroy computer hardware or data of another user, any attempt to degrade or disrupt system or network performance and Internet use that includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

If equipment / data is damaged or stolen, a parent / caregiver will receive an invoice for the amount of the replacement item and / or services provided to rectify the issue.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Intellectual Property refers to any image, video and / or design used / created to represent RGHS. Any of the above created during school activities remains the property of RGHS.

PASSWORD

You will need to think of a password. A strong password consists of eight or more characters that are a combination of letters, numbers and special character.

PLEASE RETURNED SIGNED WITH YOUR COMPLETED ENROLMENT FORM

**ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENT
TO BE SIGNED BY BOTH STUDENT & PARENT / CAREGIVER**

STUDENT

As a school user of RGHS Intranet and eLearning Resources, I understand and will abide by the Acceptable Use Agreement. I agree to comply with the school rules on its use. I will use the RGHS Intranet in a responsible manner and will observe all restrictions set out in the Rotorua Girls High School Intranet and eLearning Resources Acceptable Use Agreement for Students. Breaching this Agreement (or any involvement in such a breach) may result in my access to the computing and technology resources at Rotorua Girls High School being withdrawn, which could make me ineligible to continue studying a particular subject. I also understand it could result in disciplinary action by Rotorua Girls High School, which may involve being stood-down or suspended.

Student Name: _____ Student Number: _____

Student Signature: _____ Whanau: _____

PARENT / CAREGIVER

As a parent / caregiver of the above student, I have read the Rotorua Girls High School Intranet and eLearning Resources Acceptable Use Agreement for Students. My daughter has read the document and understands her obligations. I give permission to allow Internet access for my daughter. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that students will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable. Rotorua Girls High School will take appropriate measures to limit access to illegal, dangerous and / or inappropriate material and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my daughter to follow when using email and the Internet.

I understand if my daughter steals or damages equipment, this will result in an invoice for the cost or replacement parts and repairs and any other associated costs. I also understand this agreement applies to communication technologies my daughter may bring into the school environment.

Parent / Caregiver Name: _____

Parent / Caregiver Signature: _____