Picton High School

Student Use of Laptops in School Policy

Rationale:
Technology is an integral part of the modern world and technological change is ongoing. Picton High School supports the need for greater access to and awareness of Information and Communication Technologies in the everyday classroom learning environment through the implementation of DER laptops.

Aims:
All students in Years 9, 10 & 11 will be issued with a DER laptop so that optimal Information Technology skills can be developed across all curriculum areas within Picton High School.

Procedures for Student Use of Laptops
- Students must bring their laptops, fully charged, to class every day except Wednesdays.
- Laptops do not replace books. Students are still required to bring books and writing materials to class.
- Laptops are to be placed on the top of the desk at the beginning of each lesson.
- Students are to use the laptop only as directed by the teacher.
- Any technological problems involving the function of the laptop must be reported to the TSO.
- Students may only make a report to the TSO during meal breaks, not during lesson time. Students must write their name and a brief description of the problem in the book near the TSO’s office.
- Students must not store offensive material or pirated material on their laptops. If this material is found on the laptop then the school will apply the sanctions outlined in the Welfare and Discipline policy.
- Students are not to change the formatting of the hard disk or, in any way seek to defeat the security functions on the laptop.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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