



Blue Mountains Library Internet Acceptable Use Guidelines

By using the Public PCs at Blue Mountains Library you agree to the following guidelines:

All users of the Public Access PCs are expected to use them in a responsible manner, consistent with the educational, informational and recreational purposes for which they are provided and to follow these guidelines:

- 1) Responsible, ethical use of such resources includes the following:
 - Using the Public PCs for educational, informational and recreational purposes only: not for unauthorised, illegal or unethical purposes.
 - Respecting the privacy of others by not misrepresenting oneself as another user; by not attempting to modify or gain access to files, passwords, or data belonging to others; by not seeking unauthorised access to any computer system, or damaging or altering software components of any network database.
 - Making only authorised copies of copyrighted or licensed software or data.
 - Not sending, receiving, or displaying, text or graphics which may reasonably be construed as offensive.
- 2) Junior members (under 15 years) need parental permission to use the Public PCs. Blue Mountains Library assumes no responsibility for the use of the Internet by children. It is not possible for Library staff to control specific information children and youth may locate on the Internet. Just as libraries do not vouch for or endorse the viewpoints of written materials in their collections, they do not do so for electronic information. Selection policies which serve to govern a library's purchase of written materials may not apply to material accessed electronically. It is the responsibility of the user (or the parent, guardian or caregiver) to determine what is appropriate.
- 3) Misuse or abuse of the Public PCs or Internet access will result in suspension of Internet access privileges. Persons using the Public PCs agree not to make any changes to the setup or configuration of the software or hardware.
- 4) Library staff are available to give limited assistance however not all staff may be familiar with every application you might wish to use. Due to scheduling constraints there may not be a staff member available who can assist you at all times.
- 5) Use of the Public Access PCs is limited to a maximum free usage of 90 minutes per day. Non-members can purchase limited access for a small fee.
- 6) The Library does not guarantee availability of the internet or any sites at any time.
- 7) No more than 2 persons may gather at a Public PC workstation at any time.