

I, \_\_\_\_\_, Villa Madonna Academy student, agree to the following rules for using computers and the Internet at school:

- Use of the school’s computing network is a privilege not a right. If I abuse that privilege I expect to lose it.
- I will use the school’s network for the purpose of education and for researching approved school assignments.
- I will only use the school’s network if there is a teacher/librarian/administrator present supervising me. I understand that unsupervised use is not permitted at Villa Madonna Academy.
- I will use the school’s computing equipment with respect for other people and respect for the hardware and software I am using at all times. I will not purposefully alter, destroy or damage any piece of hardware, software, or networking equipment.
- I will not give out my full name, home address or telephone number, or my school’s name, address or telephone number to anyone online without my teacher’s permission.
- I will not hide things that I am doing online from my teacher, school librarians, or an administrator.
- I will not use the school’s computing equipment to access any Internet Chat Rooms, Social Networking websites, or Instant Messaging websites.
- I will not participate in the use of blogging websites at school without my teacher’s permission.
- If I see images on a website that make me feel upset or disturbed in any way, I will report the incident and the website address immediately to my teacher who will then report it to the school’s Technology Director.
- If I have a technical problem with a computer, I will report it to my teacher and ask for his/her help.
- I understand I am responsible for my individual network account and will take all reasonable precautions to prevent others from being able to use my account. Under no conditions will I provide my password to another student.
- I will immediately notify a teacher or the school’s Technology Director if I have identified a possible security problem with respect to the use of my network account.
- I will not participate in any unacceptable use of the school’s computing environment. Unacceptable use of the school’s computing environment means using the school computers or the Internet to:
  - Bully, harass, intimidate, impersonate or stalk others online.
  - Violate copyright laws.
  - Commit electronic crimes.
  - Transmit obscene, hateful or threatening communications, images or videos.
  - Communicate or publish defamatory or racially offensive materials.
  - Invade, alter, copy or delete someone else's network computer files.
  - Play electronic games unless authorized by a teacher/librarian/administrator.
  - Download software from to the Internet onto any school computer.
  - Attempt to load software from any CD, DVD, or external data drive onto any school computer.
  - Upload or download any computer virus, spyware, or other malicious software.
  - By-pass any content filtering devices to access Internet resources not deemed appropriate for student use.
  - Engage in commercial activities online such as buying or selling, without permission from a teacher.
  - Attack other people's internet connections, websites or computers, or damage or deface anyone else's website.
  - Promote or provide information about illegal activities, promote physical harm or injury against any individual or group, or promote any act of cruelty to animals.

I understand that my parents (or myself, if age 18 or older) could be held financially liable for any damage I cause to the computers or network at school, for any harm I cause to other people as a result of malice, recklessness or negligence on my part, or for any harm caused to others by any violation of this acceptable use policy.

Student Name:	Student Signature:	Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian Name:	Parent/Legal Guardian Signature:	Date: