



Residential Services Internet Usage Policy

Terms and Conditions of Use

General Information and Introduction

1. Residential Services provide Wireless Internet access through *Bendigo Community Telco* (ISP) to all students living in the residences. The service is monitored and supported by a team of volunteer Residential IT Administrators (RITAs), and a Coordinator of Residential IT (CRIT).
2. Residents should be aware of the University's Internet policy, as this forms the basis for Residential Services' Internet Usage Policy. These regulations are accessible at <http://www.latrobe.edu.au/ict/policies/icp>
3. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the Internet is used in both a law-abiding and community-benefiting way.
4. Signing the Bendigo Residential Services Licence Agreement indicates an acceptance to abide by this policy and an understanding that should this policy be breached, your Internet access may be temporarily blocked or removed at the discretion of the Coordinator of Residential IT in consultation with the Residence Life Coordinator.
5. The web is not a copyright-free zone. Do not assume you are entitled to download everything you see or want.

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1. The service is provided for educational use. If a resident desires to download large quantities of data, they should obtain their own Internet connection.
2. Peak usage times are between 8 AM and 10 PM. Residents should be especially considerate of others during this time, and refrain from non-educational, excessive downloading and usage.
3. The use of La Trobe University Online services, email services, instant messaging, journal facilities and any general browsing and research are considered appropriate forms of use.
4. Students are not to use the Internet to engage in conduct which may infringe copyright regulations – including uploading and downloading files without the express permission of the owner of the copyright – as they may be held liable to any judicial consequences. As the Internet connection is provided by an external service provider, and not by La Trobe University, the University and any of its affiliates cannot be held liable for any misuse of the connection; however the resident can.
5. Do not use the Wireless Internet to download, stream, redistribute or copy unauthorized files. This includes mp3s, movies, TV shows and other such data.

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6. Do not use the Wireless Internet to download, view, redistribute or copy any sort of pornography or other potentially offensive materials, regardless of whether they are copyrighted or not. Furthermore, displaying pornographic materials in a public area (e.g. lounge room) constitutes a form of sexual harassment and will be treated seriously.
7. Residential Services has the right to monitor the volume but not the content of browsing activity in each residence.
8. Resident IT Assistants (RITAs) will not cover/repair Internet access problems caused by any peer-to-peer file sharing activities, and problems caused by excessive downloads and uploads (i.e. BitTorrent, Limewire, etc).
9. Residents should not, in anyway, tamper with telephone or modem equipment or settings or telephone lines unless prior permission is granted by RITA. This includes connecting any device to Residential Services IT equipment.

Conclusion

This Internet usage policy is not exhaustive of all that is required of residents. Your cooperation is appreciated with any other reasonable requests from Residence Life staff (including RITAs and CRIT) regarding Internet usage.