

LA TROBE UNIVERSITY
School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences

Internet Policy for Students Using SEMS Computers

The School of Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (SEMS) provides internet access to support your studies in units offered by the School. With internet usage growing each year, the cost of providing this access is also growing rapidly. The policies and practices outlined in this document are designed to contain this cost without limiting valid internet access for students.

It is important that all students enrolled in units offered by the School read and abide by this policy.

1. *If you need to download a particularly large file or files, please advise the technical staff in the relevant Department in advance. The file(s) you require may already be available in another form, such as on a CD/DVD and readily available for borrowing from the Department's General Office.*
2. *Any activities that are not required as part of your course are deemed to be personal use and must be kept to an absolute minimum. On-line watching/listening/browsing of movies or audio files or large downloads from web pages on off-net sites (generally sites not in the .edu.au domain – see <http://netflow.latrobe.edu.au> OnNet/OffNet Query) are prohibited except where specifically required by your lecturer.*
3. There are proxy restrictions on block AVmedia files such as avi, mp3, etc and on porn sites and known media distribution sites.
4. *You must use your University-issued account for all email associated with your course. Personal use of outside services such as email (Hotmail, Yahoo, Google, etc), communication services (Yahoo Messenger, Skype, Windows Live, etc), social networking (e.g. Facebook), and podcasts must be kept to an absolute minimum. Large attachments such as pictures, music or videos must not be downloaded via these services.*
5. Increasingly, many commercial websites and communication services like Skype are using continuous Flash advertisements on their sites. These are non-cacheable and may be downloaded approximately every 20 seconds. Should your browser or communication service be left open throughout the day or overnight on a page displaying these advertisements, it is possible that hundreds of megabytes will be downloaded. *To avoid these unnecessary (and potentially expensive) downloads, browsers and instant messaging windows must be closed when they are not in active use.*
7. Breaches of this policy may result in the suspension of your external internet access. *Excessive personal/non-study-related use will be charged at the rate of \$0.15 per MB.*

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