
POLICY:	PUBLIC INTERNET USEAGE
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OBJECTIVE:	Clearly outline user responsibilities for library clients in relation to access and use of internet applications at Bathurst Library

Bathurst Library is committed to providing the public with opportunities to satisfy their recreation and information needs in a safe and welcoming environment. Bathurst Library staff appreciate the importance of the internet and its related applications and as such, endeavor where possible to provide a reliable service for their patrons.

The purpose of this policy is to outline user responsibilities for library clients in relation to access and use of internet applications at Bathurst Library. The policy applies to Bathurst Library and any future branches.

General Principles of the Bathurst Library Internet Usage Policy

- **Inappropriate or offensive material:** Members of the public who utilise internet applications within Bathurst Library, whether on the library's public access computers or on personal internet-ready devices such as laptops, smartphones or tablets via wi-fi, are not permitted to view or print material which is prohibited by law or is deemed inappropriate or offensive by library staff. Viewing or printing of this type of material may lead to expulsion from the library premises.
- **Inappropriate communication:** Members of the public who utilise internet applications within Bathurst Library, whether on public access supplied computers or on personal internet ready devices such as laptops, smartphones or tablets via wi-fi, are not permitted to send messages or post items which are illegal or considered inappropriate including posting items that are slanderous, bullying or defamatory. These terms include not sending large amounts of spam or interfering with others' email accounts.
- Running, removing or copying software on library computers is forbidden.

- Users are not permitted to interfere with or alter the physical or electronic equipment.
- Bathurst Library does not take any responsibility for any business or personal transactions undertaken on library computers or on personal devices via wi-fi. This includes items posted to social networking sites and financial transactions and Internet Banking.
- Bathurst Library does not take any responsibility for the loss of work undertaken on the library's public access computers or saved to removable storage devices such as thumb drives or external hard drives.
- Parents/guardians are responsible for supervising their children's access to the internet. Please see the related policy, Bathurst Library Children and Young People Policy.

The Library reserves the right to

- Request payment for use of facilities for services that are not free of charge.
- Refuse access to library computers to those who have breached the Bathurst Library Customer Services Charter and Customer Code of Conduct.

Amendments

Amendments to this policy in relation to operational matters may be made with the approval of the Manager Library Services.

RELEVANT LEGISLATION

[NSW Library Act 1939](#)

[NSW Library Regulation 2018](#)

[Privacy and Personal Information Protection Act 1998](#)

[Children and Young Persons \(Care and Protection\) Act 1998](#)

[Copyright Act 1968](#)