



## **Victorian ICT Network for Education (VINE)**

### **Member; Ethical Standards of Conduct**

#### Professional Standards

The Victorian ICT Network for Education (VINE) has existed for more than a decade as an informal collaboration of likeminded professionals. Now, as we transition from that loose collaboration to a professional network, it is imperative we reinforce our professional standards to ensure members are held in the highest regard.

#### Statement of Application

The Victorian ICT Network for Education requires members to observe the highest standards of professional conduct and ethical behaviour in all activities. By adherence to such standards, the reputation of ICT Staff is enhanced and public confidence in the management and administration of ICT in schools increased.

As conduct of an individual member will reflect upon the wider profession and upon the Network membership as a whole, the Code sets out what are deemed appropriate standards of professional conduct.

Members are required to adhere to this Code both in spirit and to the letter, such that their conduct is governed by the highest standards of professionalism and ethical behaviour.

#### The Code

Members:

- are required to exercise complete probity and diligence in carrying out their duties and responsibilities;
- shall at all times safeguard the interests of their school employer;
- shall not knowingly be party to any illegal or unethical activity;
- shall not enter into any agreement or undertake any activity which may be in conflict with the interest of their school or which would prejudice the performance of their professional duties;
- shall not use confidential information gained in the performance of their duties for any personal gain or in a manner which would be detrimental to their school;
- shall endeavour to ensure the currency of their knowledge, skills and technical competencies necessary for the proper conduct of their duties and responsibilities;

- shall refrain from conduct or action which might detract from the reputation and standing of their school or the Network;
- shall abide by the VINE Constitution and uphold the objectives contained therein.