# **Code of practice for Computing Clusters in the School of Engineering**

Computer Clusters:

Rankine: Rms 739, 602, 329 JWS: Rms 712, 611, 544

These cluster labs are the responsibility of the IT support staff, School of Engineering.

#### **Intended use of cluster facilities**

These are intended for:

- a) Holding scheduled classes where there is a requirement for on line computer work.
- b) Ad hoc use by student (undergraduates and postgraduates) where they need to access the specialist computing resources and applications available in the School of Engineering.
- c) Ad hoc use by students for purposes of study.

Any other activity is not supported and would need prior application and authority from School of Engineering, IT Support.

### Code of practice for using the facilities

The room, the computers and their installed applications are to be used for the furtherance of study.

Users are asked to be mindful of others and to be careful to keep the room tidy and the chairs out of the way of gangways and escape routes.

People should locate and familiarise themselves with the emergency escape routes and equipment e.g. fire extinguishers, emergency phones and first aid kits

Eating and Drinking is NOT ALLOWED.

Do not unplug any computer, keyboard, mouse or printer.

Do not connect any unauthorised piece of equipment.

The computers and applications must not be used for unlawful purposes such as downloading improper materials and they may not be used for any commercial purpose.

#### **Late working arrangements**

Room 329 is available for use out of hours (17:00 - 0900) by postgraduate students and by authorised undergraduate students.

This room has a system of panic and intruder alarms. A separate note available from IT support staff details use of this system. Users should familiarise them selves with the system.

University Security staff, on nightly patrol, will require users to have suitable identification and undergraduates must also have a letter of permission as issued by the School and signed by an academic supervisor.

## **Security and Authority**

During the working day, IT Support staff are responsible for the safe and proper use of these rooms. If they discover that anything improper is in evidence they may eject anyone and report bad behaviour to the school authorities.

At any time but especially outside of normal working hours, University security staff have the authority to eject anyone whom they feel is not using the facility in the proper way.