

INTERNET USAGE

POLICY

Rationale:

- The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion, and liaise with individuals, organisation and groups world-wide so as to increase skills, knowledge and abilities.

Aims:

- To improve student learning outcomes by increasing access to worldwide information.
- To develop skills in discriminate and appropriate internet usage.

Implementation:

- Our school actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources available, accompanied by the development of the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered.
- All students and staff at our school will have censorship filtered internet and email access. All students and staff will have their own password protected log on. Such access is a privilege that infers responsibility, and not simply a right to be expected.
- An ICT coordinator will liaise with staff and the technical support technician to manage the maintenance of the school's web site and all other issues related to internet access by students.
- The school undertakes to ensure that information published on the Internet by students or the school meets legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community in relation to copyright and safety.
- Cyber-safety and Cyber-citizenship will be a part of students ICT curriculum; particularly in response to inappropriate material and cyberspace bullying
- Students, in grade 3-6, will use Superclubs Plus as part of their ICT learning and use the email facilities provided.
- Consequences of publishing, accessing or failing to notify the coordinator of inappropriate material shall include the removal of access rights.
- Signed parent and student consent form (see below) is required to be completed in order to gain access to the internet, or to publish work, photos or videos on the internet.
- Privacy of students, parents, staff and other users will be recognised and respected at all times. When identifying students and using photos only the student's first name will be used. Refer to 'recording permission' document signed by parents at the start of the year.
- Teachers shall be responsible for making sure all work is screened for accuracy, appropriateness, grammar, spelling prior to publishing.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed annually as part of the school's regular review cycle.

Ratified by School Council; April 2011





STUDENT INTERNET USE POLICY

The school network and computers are used as an educational tool. The Internet facility is used for teaching and learning purposes, including:



- Research - to locate appropriate information
- Communication - to seek and ask questions of experts
- Collaboration - to work on common projects with others
- Social Networking - to share ideas and make connections in a cyber safe environment
- Creating products - as evidence of learning

I, _____ will abide by these rules / guidelines

1. Privileges - The use of computers and the Internet is a privilege, not a right, and inappropriate use will result in suspension, or cancellation, of these privileges.
2. Information - The information on the Internet may not be accurate. Students will be encouraged to check or validate information, and only use age appropriate search engines as on 'Weblinks'
3. Inappropriate Sites/material - Shutdown site immediately and report incident to your teacher.
4. Network etiquette - Students will be expected to abide by generally accepted rules. These include, but are not limited to the following:
 - Using appropriate language, and conventions, when communicating or e-publishing
 - Respecting the rights of others by abiding by copyright rules, and not accessing or using other people's products without permission or an acknowledged citation
 - Cyber Safety. Not revealing personal address, phone number or details of self or others, and reporting to a teacher anyone who may request them.

I, will not

1. Download, upload, create, or forward, any material that is offensive, unacceptable or inappropriate to my learning
2. Add any software or change any settings on a computer, or the school network
3. Delete, view, move, copy or modify any files and folders that are not my own
4. Damage or remove any equipment
5. Share, tell, change any of my school related passwords, or use someone else's passwords
6. Access or use sites that require a user to be 13 years or older

I understand and will follow all the guidelines listed in this agreement. I understand that any breaches of these rules/guidelines will result in suspension from using the equipment until notified by the Principal. This agreement is for the duration of my schooling at Coburg North Primary School, unless otherwise notified by the school or parent.

Child's signature:	Parent's signature:	Date: