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INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT – PARENT/GUARDIAN

Dear Parent/Caregiver

Today's students live in a digital world and our school is committed to providing educational activities that enable your student to succeed in this digital world. Education Queensland is committed to integrating use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) into all subject areas and providing a level of access to these technologies throughout schools. To provide this access, the school requires caregiver permission to allow your student to use the school ICT network (including the Internet).

It is important that both you and your student understand the responsibilities of students, caregivers and the school when using the school ICT devices and facilities.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

It is acceptable for students to use school ICT devices and facilities for:

- Class work and assignments set by teachers
- Developing literacy, communication and information skills
- Authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the Internet, solely for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school
- Conducting research for school activities and projects
- Communicating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work
- Access to online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc.

It is unacceptable for students to:

- Download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures
- Use obscene or abusive language to harass, insult or attack others
- Deliberately waste printing and internet resources
- Damage or disrupt computers, printers or the network equipment
- Violate copyright laws, which includes plagiarism and music
- Use unsupervised internet chat
- Use online email services (eg hotmail)
- Send chain letters or spam email (junk mail)
- Divulge personal information (eg name, parent's name, address), via the internet or email, to unknown people

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- Give their username and password to another student
- Use another student or staff member's username or password to access the school's network, including trespassing in another person's files, home drive or email.
- Access non-educational games or activities

Caregivers Responsibilities:

Caregivers (and students) should;

- Accept that the internet gives access to all sorts of information, some good, some not good
- Accept that the school can not fully control information accessed through the internet
- Be able to report and discontinue access to harmful internet and email information

Caregivers (and students should be aware that;

- Access to ICT resources is for learning experiences
- The ICT facilities should be used responsibly and with care
- Students breaking these rules will be faced with consequences under the school behaviour management plan
- Information may be accidentally displayed that could be illegal, dangerous or offensive, with or without the student's immediate knowledge
- Teachers will always exercise their duty of care, but control of access to harmful information requires responsible use by the student

SCHOOL RESPONSIBILITIES:

The school will;

- Provide educational experiences using ICT devices and facilities
- Restrict/remove student access to ICT resources if the student/caregiver does not meet the school's ICT usage standards
- Prepare students for the possibility of unanticipated access to harmful information, materials or approaches from unknown persons via the internet
- Ensure that, where possible, internet use by students is prepared before class, including checks on sites students are directed to visit

The following Internet Agreement Form and Media Release Forms need to be signed and returned to the school. Once students have returned this signed agreement form, they will be issued with a username and password to access the internet.

Ayr State School provides access to the internet for educational uses and communication within the wider school community. Students accessing the internet without a specific educational purpose should do so using computer resources outside the school.

If you have any questions regarding the use of the internet at Ayr State School, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 47903333.

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Bryan Dudley

Principal

Student:

I understand that the school's ICT network provides me with access to a range of essential learning tools, including the internet. I understand that the internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers from around the world.

While I have access to the school's ICT network; I will only use it for educational purposes; I will not undertake or look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive; I will not reveal my password or allow anyone else to use my school account; and I will adhere to my responsibilities under the Ayr State School ICT Acceptable Use Policy.

Specifically in relation to email and internet usage, I will; clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen; and immediately quietly inform my teacher. In the same instance I will not; reveal home addresses or phone numbers – mine or that of any other person; or use the school's ICT network (including the internet) to annoy, offend or defame anyone else.

I understand that if the school decides I have broken the rules for using its ICT network, appropriate action will be taken in line with the Ayr State School Responsible Behaviour Plan, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for some time.

Student's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Caregiver:

I understand that the school provides my child with access to the school's network (including the internet) for valuable learning experiences. In regards to internet access, I understand that this will give my child access to information on computers from around the world; that the school can not control what is on those computers; and that a small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend finally upon responsible use by students/my child. Additionally, I will ensure that my child understands and adheres to the school's appropriate behaviour requirements and will not engage in inappropriate use of the school's ICT network.

LEVEL ONE:

I believe _____ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access and use the school's ICT network (including the internet) under the school rules. I understand that students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include loss of access and usage of the school's ICT network for some time.

Caregiver's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

LEVEL TWO:

I give permission for my child's work to be displayed on the school's web pages under the following conditions;

- All care will be taken to protect my child and his/her privacy
- That no last names or other private information will be published
- That full credit will be given to original work

Caregiver's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

LEVEL THREE:

I give permission for my child's photograph to be used on the school's web pages either on their own page or in the photos published of school activities under the following conditions;

- All care will be taken to protect my child and his/her privacy
- No last names or other private information will be published

Caregiver's Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____