

Internet Agreement



Dear Parents/Carers,

In all classrooms and outdoor learning areas at Mango Hill State School, students will have access to both the school's network and to the Internet. Internet access is seen as a valuable teaching and learning tool.

Students who use the Internet are empowered to choose their own learning path, seeking and finding information. If we are to teach children how to access these sites, then we must also teach morals and ethics to make sure these resources are not used to the detriment of society.

The Department of Education and the Arts gives detailed Teacher and Principal accountabilities in the Education Policy and Procedure Register, under Student Management and Support, section SMS-PR-024 "Internet – Student Usage" to support the development of school user agreement policy.

The ability of your child to have access to the Internet depends on the sections on the reverse of this letter being completed by both yourself and by your child (for parents of younger students, please take the time to read and discuss with them the information on the reverse and assist them in its completion) and return to the school.

Internet access sessions will be part of the regular classroom teachings and as such will be supervised by the classroom Teacher and/or Teacher's aide. Internet and email access provided by the Department of Education and the Arts is monitored and filtered to minimize the risk of exposure to inappropriate sites and information. No personal student information will be made available via the Internet.

Tracy Egan
Principal
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Student

I understand that the Internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to the Internet:

1. I will use it only for educational purposes.
2. I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.
3. If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will:
 - (a) clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen; and
 - (b) immediately, quietly, inform my teacher.
4. I will not reveal home addresses or phone numbers - mine or that of any other person.
5. I will not use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else.
6. I understand that if the school decides I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This may include loss of my Internet access for some time.

(Student name)

(Student signature)

Parent or guardian

I understand that the Internet can provide students with valuable learning experiences.

I also understand that it gives access to information on computers around the world; that the school cannot control what is on those computers; and that a very 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.

I believe _____ (Name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access 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 Internet access for some time.

(Parent/carer name)

(Parent/carer signature)

(Date)