

# MERINDA STATE SCHOOL



## INTERNET POLICY

1. The school's Internet connection exists to provide access to curriculum related information. Permission is required to search outside curricula needs.
2. Information published on the Internet may be inaccurate or may misrepresent a person or situation. Persons using the Internet must take care in using this information.
3. This school does not permit searches for material of a pornographic or extremely violent nature. Should a user inadvertently come across any such material they must immediately back out of that page, must not save any such data and they must advise a teacher.
4. Copyright law must be respected at all times. This means that users may NOT copy or redistribute another person's work. Users wanting to utilise other people's work for educational purposes must acknowledge the source of the work and the owner.
5. Section 85ZE of the Commonwealth Crimes Act States that a person shall not knowingly or recklessly;
  - Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier to menace or harass another person
  - Use a telecommunication service supplied by a carrier in such a way as would be regarded by reasonable persons as being, in all circumstances, offensive
6. Students are restricted to using World Wide Web or Dingo Mail for school purposes only, *ie.* not for personal use
7. One person at a time may occupy a computer, unless specifically told otherwise by a teacher.
8. Under no circumstances are private disks or flash drives to be used in school computers, including floppy disks or CD's and no program's are to be installed on school computers.
9. Printouts of information retrieved for curriculum purposes are allowed free of charge on the expectation that all users will carefully monitor their printouts to avoid long articles or unnecessary information.
10. Always leave the computers as you found them. Do not turn computers off unless instructed to do so by a supervising teacher.
11. Report any problems immediately to a supervising teacher.
12. All students are to be given equal opportunity in accessing the Internet.

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## STUDENT INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

While I have access to the Internet:

- I will use it for tasks my teacher sets.
- I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.
- I will clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen; and
- I will immediately inform my supervising teacher.
- I will not reveal home address, phone numbers, passwords – mine or anyone else's.
- I will not use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else.
- I understand that if the school decides I have broken these rules, I will lose my Internet access for up to six (6) months.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

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 must depend finally upon responsible use by students.

I believe \_\_\_\_\_ understands this responsibility and I give my permission for him/her to access the Internet under the school rules. I understand that students breaking these rules will lose Internet access for up to six (6) months.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Parent/Caregiver

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Caregiver

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Please note: This permission form is valid until further instructions are received from you in writing advising of any changes. This authorisation will remain in place for the duration of the time that your child attends this school.