



MOUNT PERRY STATE SCHOOL

Internet Usage Agreement



Why are schools providing students access to ICT facilities?

To ensure young Queenslanders are well equipped to contribute fully to the information economy, the education sector is responding to the innovation directions of the Smart State Strategy through Smart Classrooms. This strategy focuses innovative programs and resources towards schools, teachers and students. An essential tool for schools in the provision of innovative educational programs is the utilisation of intranet, internet and network services. Therefore, access to these technologies is an increasingly essential part of the modern educational program provided in schools.

What is acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student?

It is acceptable for students to use school computers and network infrastructure: for assigned class work and assignments set by teachers; developing literacy, communication and information skills; authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the Intranet or 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; and access to online reference such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc. Students can also collaborate, research and learn through Education Queensland's e-learning environment.

What is unacceptable/inappropriate use/behaviour by a student?

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 computers, printers or the network equipment; violate copyright laws which includes plagiarism. Use unsupervised internet chat; and use online e-mail services (e.g. hotmail), send chain letters or Spam e-mail (junk mail). Usernames and passwords are to be kept by the student and not divulged to any other individual (e.g. a student should not give their fellow students their username and password). Students can not use another student or staff member's username or password to access the school's network, including not trespassing in another person's files, home drive or e-mail. Additionally, students should not divulge personal information (e.g. name, parent's name, address), via the internet or e-mail, to unknown entities or for reasons other than to fulfil the educational program requirements of the school.

What is expected of schools when providing student's with access to ICT facilities?

Schools will provide information in relation to student access and usage of its network and reserves the right to restrict/remove student access to the intranet, extranet, internet or network facilities if parents or students do not Adhere to the school's network usage and access guideline/statement. Schools will prepare students for the possibility of unanticipated access to harmful information, materials or approaches from unknown persons via the internet e.g. (run through processes for disregarding (or ceasing access) to information, the process for reporting accidental access to harmful information and reporting approaches from unknown persons via the internet to the supervising teacher or school staff member). Where possible, classes involving internet usage by students will be prepared prior to class engagement, including, filtering and checking sites students are directed to visit. An assessment should be made of the appropriate timeframe for access to the internet for completing the set task or duration a student should have access to the internet (e.g. during schools hours, outside of school hours).

I acknowledge the above mentioned information about ICT's and understand what acceptable and unacceptable internet usage is.

Student Signature/Name:

Parent/Carer Signature:

On behalf of Mount Perry State School

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