

ACCEPTABLE USE OF ICT FACILITIES AND DEVICES – AGREEMENT

In all classrooms and outdoor learning areas at Baringa State Primary 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 gives detailed Teacher and Principal accountabilities in the Policy and Procedure Register, under Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to support the development of school user agreement policy.

The ability of your child to have access to the Internet depends on the following sections 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 provided 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. 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.

Student:

I understand that the school's information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices provide me with access to a range of essential learning tools, including access to the internet. I understand that the internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to the school's ICT facilities and devices: I will use it only for educational purposes; I will not undertake or look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive; and I will not reveal my password or allow anyone else to use my school account.

Specifically in relation to internet usage, should any offensive pictures or information appear on my screen I will close the window and immediately inform my teacher quietly, or tell my parents/guardians if I am at home.

If I receive any inappropriate emails at school I will tell my teacher. If I receive any at home I will tell my parents/guardians.

When using email or the internet I will not:

- reveal names, home addresses or phone numbers – mine or that of any other person
 - use the school's ICT facilities and devices (including the internet) to annoy or offend anyone else.
- I understand that my online behaviours are capable of impacting on the good order and management of the school whether I am using the school's ICT facilities and devices inside or outside of school hours.

I understand that if the school decides I have broken the rules for using its ICT facilities and devices, appropriate action may be taken as per the school's Behaviour Management Policy, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for a period of time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the Code of School Behaviour.

I agree to abide by the above rules / the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

_____ (Student's name)

_____ (Student's signature) _____ (Date)

Parent or guardian:

I understand that the school provides my child with access to the school's information and communication technology (ICT) facilities and devices (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 cannot 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 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 facilities and devices. Furthermore I will advise the school if any inappropriate material is received by my student/child that may have come from the school or from other students.

I understand that the school does not accept liability for any loss or damage suffered to personal mobile devices as a result of using the department's facilities and devices. Further, no liability will be accepted by the school in the event of loss, theft or damage to any device unless it can be established that the loss, theft or damage resulted from the school's/department's negligence.

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 facilities and devices (including the internet) under the school rules. I understand where inappropriate online behaviours negatively affect the good order and management of the school, the school may commence disciplinary actions in line with this user agreement or the Behaviour Management Policy. This may include loss of access and usage of the school's ICT facilities and devices for some time.

I have read and understood this procedure/policy/statement/guideline and the Code of School Behaviour.

I agree to abide by the above rules / the procedure/policy/statement/guideline.

_____ (Parent/Guardian's name)

_____ (Parent/Guardian's signature) _____ (Date)