



# GOOBURRUM STATE SCHOOL

## INTERNET AGREEMENT

**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 parent / 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 using tools such as Microsoft Word, Powerpoint etc
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ accessing 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 e-mail services (e.g. hotmail);
- ✓ send chain letters or Spam e-mail (junk mail);
- ✓ divulge personal information (e.g. name, parent's name, address), via the internet or e-mail, to unknown people;
- ✓ 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 e-mail;

**Parents / Caregivers Responsibilities:**

*Parents / Caregivers (and students) should:*

- ✓ accept that the Internet gives access to all sorts of information, some good some not good;
- ✓ accept that although all possible attempts will be made to do so, the school cannot fully control information accessed through the Internet by students;
- ✓ be able to report and discontinue access to harmful Internet and email information.

*Parents/ 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:*

- ✓ ensure that, where possible, Internet use by students is prepared by teachers before class, including checks on sites students are directed to visit to ensure safety and security.
- ✓ provide educational experiences using ICT devices and facilities;
- ✓ restrict/remove student access to ICT resources if the student/parent/ 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;

The consent granted by this form is for the duration of the student's current phase of learning (i.e. Years P-3, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12). Consent is obtained upon enrolment and renewed when students move into a new phase of learning (e.g. minimum every four years).

If you have any questions regarding the use of the Internet at Gooburrum State School please do not hesitate to contact the school, telephone 41557 999.

*Halli Cantrell – Principal*

## **INTERNET AGREEMENT FORM:**

***Gooburrum 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.***

**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 Gooburrum State School ICT Acceptable Use policy.

Specifically in relation to e-mail 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 Gooburrum State School Responsible Behaviour Plan, which may include loss of access to the network (including the internet) for some time.

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(where possible)

**Parent/ 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 that the school cannot control in all circumstances.

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.

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.

**Parent / Caregiver's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent / Caregiver's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_