



TAIGUM STATE SCHOOL

INTERNET ACCESS AGREEMENT

To ensure our students are well equipped to contribute fully to the information economy, Taigum SS is responding to the innovation directions of the Smart State Strategy through Smart Classrooms.

This strategy focuses on 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
- ☐ Access to online references 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 online e-mail services (e.g. hotmail) other than the departments internal email system, send chain letters or Spam e-mail (junk mail).
- ☐ Wilfully access adult content.
- ☐ Install software on department owned computer systems.

Username 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.

Student Guidelines - <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/ict/ictpr004/studinfo.pdf>

Internet Publishing Guidelines - <http://education.qld.gov.au/strategic/eppr/ict/ictpr004/conditions.pdf>

Internet Agreement

Student:

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 only for educational purposes.
- ☐ I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.
- ☐ If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will:
 - (a) immediately clear the screen; and
 - (b) immediately inform my teacher.
- ☐ I will not reveal home addresses or phone numbers – mine or anyone else's. I
- ☐ will not use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else.

I understand that if the School decides that I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This will include loss of my Internet access for some time.

Student's Signature: _____

Student's Name: _____ Date: / /

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 will include loss of Internet access for some time.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian's Name: _____ Date: / /