

INTERNET/EMAIL ACCESS & COMPUTER ROOM AGREEMENT

The school provides the use of computers for students for educational purposes. I understand that the computers at Babinda P-12 State School must be maintained and used correctly at all times. I understand that the Internet can connect me to useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to computers and /or internet:

- I will use them for educational purposes only
- I will report any faults/damage immediately to the teacher concerned
- I will not use any foreign disks other than school disks
- I will not send or display offensive messages or pictures
- I will not use obscene language
- I will not damage computers, computer systems or computer networks
- I will not violate copyright laws
- I will not use others' passwords
- I will not trespass in others' folders, work or files
- I will not intentionally waste limited resources
- I will not employ the network for commercial purposes
- I will communicate courteously at all times
- If I accidentally come across something illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen; and immediately, quietly, 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 I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This may include loss of privilege, loss of internet/computer access time.
- I will send or receive email only through the "My Internet" facility provided by Education Queensland.
- I will not change any of the default settings on the computers
- I will not share my username or password with any other person
- I will not save any files from the internet or any other source to my area without permission from a teacher.
- I understand that any files stored on the server that do not relate to educational purposes might result in all files I have stored being deleted
- I understand that if I do not comply with the above then my computer privileges may be withdrawn.

Student's Name: _____

Year Level: _____

Student's Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / ____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN

I understand that the use of the Internet and Computers provides students with valuable learning experiences.

I understand that, in recent legal cases, the concept that electronic communication on a system is the property of the organisation which owns the system has been clearly established. To this end, the Babinda P-12 State School computer network has been established so that the system administrator can monitor all internet usage. No electronic communication is therefore private.

I understand that non-educational material stored on the school server may result in all of the student's stored material being deleted.

I understand that if the student does not comply with the above then that students computer privileges maybe withdrawn.

I also understand that it gives access to information on computers around the world; that the school cannot control what is on the computers; and that a very small part of the information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care so must the student. Procedures have been put in place to ensure as much as possible protection against exposure to harmful information however we must depend finally upon responsible students.

I believe _____ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access the internet and use the computers with care 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 privilege, loss of internet/computer access time.

_____ Parent/Guardian Name (please print)

_____ Parent/Guardian Signature

Date: ____/____/____

The following outlines the acceptable usage guidelines for students at Babinda P-12 State School. This has been adapted from a sample policy provided by the Department of Education. The full text of the Department Policy is available on request.

BENEFITS OF INTERNET

- access to services provided through the Internet can provide another medium for supplying information to the public
- the internet provides both information sources and communication with peers or experts
- it can also be used as a platform for learning information access skills
- the information provided through the Internet can be the most up to date and relevant in some areas

RISKS

Unlike the information in a good encyclopedia, the information on the Internet is not well selected, nor well organised.

In fact information on the Internet may not be authentic, it may sometimes be illegal, dangerous or offensive. Copyright violation can arise from the use of material available on the Internet without appropriate warnings.

Time can be wasted both by fruitless searches and by distractions from the task at hand.

Privacy is not assured in the use of Internet services. Internet electronic mail can be intercepted and read by complete strangers. Other users of your computers can find out what information you have accessed from the World Wide Web.

Delivery of Internet electronic mail cannot be guaranteed. A proportion is delayed, misdelivered, or destroyed.

Programs and application files (such as word processing documents) arriving through the Internet could carry computer viruses.

Computer and network resources can be slowed or stopped by users receiving very large files or large numbers of files.



RESPONSIBILITIES OF USERS

Internet access is being provided to students for educational purposes only. Private usage must be arranged elsewhere.

Students must focus on the task at hand to avoid wasting time and being distracted by other sources of information, which may not necessarily be valid. Plagiarism is a literacy offence and all work must be the work of the student.

Students are to avoid inappropriate content; especially material that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.

Students must not use the email facility unless specific permission has been given to do so.

Email can only be sent and received through the Education Queensland provided access so that emails can be checked for viruses.

No other email such as Hotmail or email facilities offered by other providers is to be used.

Students must abide by the Internet Access Agreement.