Streaky Bay Area School

"Striving for excellence in all aspects of education in a collaborative manner"

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INTERNET POLICY

The Internet provides opportunities to access and evaluate current information from all over the world via a global network of computers. This enables students to exchange ideas, participate in worldwide learning activities and make contact with many professional people from organisations in different countries.

Your child has the opportunity to access internet resources as part of their learning at this school, via the computers across the school.

The internet is not regulated and the school does not have control over the information on the Internet. However, DECD and the school's filter block known inappropriate sites. Staff will oversee the use of the Internet, and will discuss the Internet policy with all students. It is however <u>the responsibility of each user to behave in a socially acceptable manner</u> when using the Internet.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

It is not possible to supervise all students all of the time while they are using this resource. Therefore, students are expected to follow this policy sensibly and responsibly. At times an inappropriate Internet site may be accessed unintentionally when searching for a legitimate site. Students must inform a teacher immediately this occurs. The school monitor individual accounts to detect students who maybe accessing inappropriate sites intentionally.

Streaky Bay Area School does not accept any liability which may result from any student's unacceptable or unethical use of the Internet.

ETHICS POLICY ON INTERNET USAGE

1.   Students must not use another person's ID or password to access the Internet.
2.   Only material suitable for educational use may be accessed or downloaded.
3.   Students must not use the school computers for illegal activities.
4.   Students must not attempt to gain unauthorised access to sites on the Internet, in particular those with an over 18 warning or needing a special registration code.
5.   Personal details (ie home address, phone number) should not be given over the Internet. For reasons of safety and privacy only the school address should be used.
6.   Students must respect other internet users by using appropriate behaviour and language, especially with regard to e-mail and chat lines.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INTERNET BREACHES

Students who contravene the rules will have their access rights to the internet removed, and may incur further action taken at the discretion of the principal. This will be regarded in the same way as any other breach of the Behaviour code.

COMPUTER USE POLICY

Computers and Information Technology equipment are provided across the school to support student learning. Students are required to treat this equipment in a safe, careful and appropriate manner at all times. The equipment is provided to support student learning not other non curriculum activities. The cost of replacement or repair for any wilful damage will be the responsibility of the student and/or parents.

Students are welcome to bring their own laptop computers to school to support their learning, but they do this at their own risk. The school will not take responsibility for this equipment. The students must seek permission from their respective teachers to use their personal laptops in class.

PORTABLE STORAGE DEVICES

Students are able to use portable storage devices, ie USB drives, MP3 players, optical media, laptops etc., to save their student work when using the school computers and school network. This equipment is the responsibility of the student and they bring it to school at their own risk. Students are not to bring into the school any offensive or inappropriate material stored on these devices.

Teacher permission must be sought for MP3 players/iPod use by students in class. Earphones must be used and the volume of noise must not be audible/disruptive to others.

Given the concerns around transfer of viruses, malicious spywear, inappropriate digital content etc. the school reserves the right to scan and check any electronic device that is brought into the school.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones are not to be used in the school by students, unless under direct supervision by a teacher for specific learning purposes in a class or at a teacher's discretion. Students who bring phones to school do so at their own risk. Phones must be turned off at all times and stored out of sight from the beginning of the day. Any student found not adhering to this policy may have their phone confiscated for the rest of day, and other consequences via the school's Behaviour Management Policy may also apply. If the mobile phone is suspected to have been used for illegal purposes, it may be handed to the police.

PRINTING COSTS

Black and white laser printing is available to all students across the school and some colour printing may also be available where necessary. Printing is monitored across the school network via software, in the same manner as internet access. Students will be allocated printing credit at the beginning of the year which, with careful management of printing use, should last for the year. Additional credit can be purchased at the front office at the student's expense if they run out.

Please return whole form to your home group teacher

Student/Parent/Guardian Internet/Computer Agreement Form

I have read the policies which apply to the use of computers and the Internet at Streaky Bay Area School and understand the penalties which result from a breach of the policies. I agree to abide by the policies.

Student's Name:_____ Signature: _____ Yr Level: _____

I have read the policies and support them, and have ensured my child understands them.

Parent/Guardian: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____