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INTERNET ACCEPTABLE USE (STUDENTS) POLICY

Rationale

The Internet facilities at Mernda Primary School are to be used for curriculum issues only and in a manner that teachers and parents expect of students.

Any misuse of Internet privileges may result in the revoking of any right to use the service and may lead to other disciplinary action.

The use of Internet resources at Mernda Primary School is a privilege, and, like any other privilege, carries with it responsibilities. Those people who fail to uphold their responsibility will lose their right to access these resources.

The Internet is by far the largest and highest profile network providing public information services. There are many local and international Internet sites, which provide information relevant to Mernda Primary School's curriculum.

Mernda Primary School's students will be carefully monitored through the use of Management Utilities, which allows the school's administration to restrict access to:
▪ Internet sites
▪ Newsgroups

Mernda Primary School is allowing students access to the Education Resource List sites only. It is a filtered site list that has been approved by Education Department Consultants. Further access to the 'web' will involve consultation between teachers and parents.

It is essential that use of this valuable resource be controlled to:
▪ Maximise the benefit to Mernda Primary School
▪ Manage the risks associated with its use and
▪ Ensure that it is used in an appropriate manner.

The process by which Mernda Primary School seeks to manage student use of the Internet is through the adoption of this Acceptable Use Policy.

Responsibility

It is the responsibility of Principal, teachers and parents to ensure students are aware of this policy and that they understand its' content and the possible disciplinary action that may be taken due to any infringements that occur.

Parents must sign the Acceptable Use Policy included in the Student Enrolment Form before students can access Internet and email facilities at the school.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on February 2019

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