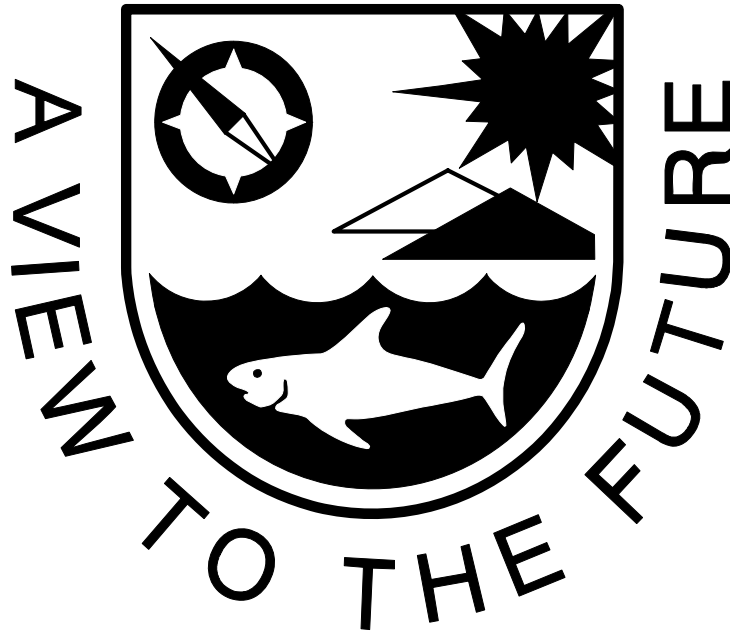


DAMPIER PRIMARY SCHOOL



Student Internet Policy

School Purpose Statement:

The purpose of Dampier Primary School is to develop the whole child, empowering lifelong learners who strive to realize their personal best while working cooperatively to demonstrate civic and environmental responsibility.

Rationale

The provision of Internet Services at Dampier PS School will expand the range of teaching and learning resources available to staff and students for the purpose of improvement in learning outcomes. It is a valuable and expensive resource that needs to be managed well to optimise its effectiveness. The purpose of this policy is to assist all school users in becoming aware of information, obligations and procedures that need to be followed to ensure its effective use..

Guidelines

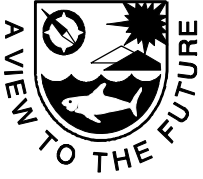
Access Provision and Appropriate Use

- The primary use of the Internet is for curriculum purposes, independent research and the transfer of information relevant to the goals of the school and achievement of improved student outcomes.
- The use of the Internet should be fair and equitable, legal and ethical and should be consistent with existing policies of the school and EDWA.
- At Dampier PS school, all students will be expected to be able to access the Internet to locate information and communicate via e-mail as part of their normal studies.
- The Internet can only be accessed by students *under direct supervision of Staff*. On no account are students to access the Internet unsupervised.
- It will be each class teacher's responsibility to ensure that Students are aware of the responsibilities and obligations of Internet usage and sign the Student Acceptable Use Agreement. (See Appendix 1). The completed agreements will be kept on file in Dampier PS.
- Students who deliberately abuse the Acceptable Use Agreement will be subject to school disciplinary procedures that may include the loss of user privileges.
- A copy of the school's *INTERNET ACCESS ETHICS STATEMENT and GUIDELINES* will be forwarded to all parents. This will include a consent form which is to be signed by students and their parents (see Appendix 2).
- An information sheet on Publishing Children's Work on the Web and a consent form will also be forwarded to parents. (Appendix 3).

Conclusion

This policy has been developed so that students, parents and staff are fully aware of the implications of accessing the Internet and that every effort is made to ensure that access to these resources will be for appropriate educational purposes.

Appendix 1



Dampier Primary School

Student Acceptable Use Agreement

The use of the Internet at Dampier Primary School is a privilege. It is to be used for educational purposes only.

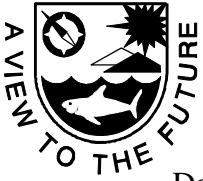
- I will take care of the Internet equipment that I use.
- I will only use the Internet when supervised by a teacher.
- I will not illegally copy software or spread computer viruses.
- I will be considerate to others and only use polite language.
- I will not reveal my personal address or phone number or that of other students or any other personal information.
- I will only download or upload anything with the permission of a teacher.
- By signing this agreement, I am saying that I understand the above rules for using the Internet and will obey them. If I do not obey them I know that I may be disciplined including losing the privilege of using the Internet.

Name (Print): _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 2



Dampier Primary School

Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s):

Your son or daughter will have access to a worldwide network called the Internet. The reason for using the Internet is to participate in curriculum projects developed by some of your child's teachers. Your son or daughter will reach this worldwide network through a computer account provided by Dampier Primary School.

The purpose of this letter is to give you information about the **Internet Access Ethics Statement and Guidelines** that Dampier Primary School will use. The policy is described below.

We ask you to review this policy with your child and to sign the consent form. Your child's teacher has already discussed this policy with your son or daughter.

If you have any questions about the network curriculum activities, please call your child's teacher. If you would like more information, please contact the school.

INTERNET ACCESS ETHICS STATEMENT and GUIDELINES

- The Internet is a worldwide telecommunications network. There are hundreds of resources on the Internet. You will find libraries, government agencies, universities, discussion groups, software, technical information, as well as the 20 million people who are part of this worldwide network. Your student account lets you use these resources. The purpose of your student account is to let you to take part in the curriculum activities, at Dampier Primary School. (Years P - 7)
- Dampier Primary School will monitor your use of network resources. Monitoring will include tracking the amount of time you spend using these resources, but will not require identifying you by name.
- You are expected to exercise responsible behaviour when on the network.
- Using someone else's network account is not acceptable.
- Using your network account for non-school related activities is not acceptable.
- Using unauthorised copies of commercial software is not acceptable.
- Copying software provided by Dampier Primary School is not acceptable.
- Students will not disclose home addresses, phone numbers or personal details via any Internet service.
- Violating the above guidelines and prohibitions will result in losing your network account.
- Student photographs will not be published without parental approval.

Appendix 3

PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S WORK ON THE WEB

As part of our curriculum studies, we have designed a web page to share information with other schools. It is possible to post work samples and photos on this web page, which is accessible to people who visit our home page. As stated in the policy above, we require parent consent before we post photos on our home page. If we do use photos or work samples, we do not release any information about that student except for their first name.

If you wish to see an example of the layout of a home page, I suggest that you visit our web page at *www.dampier.wa.edu.au* or, if you do not have access at home, please visit us at school and use one of our computers.



PUBLISHING CHILDREN'S WORK ON THE WEB

I give permission for my child's work to be published on the web with their first name only.

Parent's name _____ Parent's signature _____

I give permission for my child's photo to be published on the web with their first name only.

Parent's name _____ Parent's signature _____

INTERNET USAGE ETHICS STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES CONSENT FORM

I have read the school's **Internet Usage Ethics Statement and Guidelines** and understand its contents.

My signature below, and that of my parent(s) or guardian(s), means that I agree to follow the guidelines and prohibitions of the school's **Internet Usage Ethics Statement and Guidelines**.

Student's Signature: _____

Name of Student: _____

Year / Room: _____

Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Signature: _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s): _____

Date: _____