INTERNET POLICY (revised 2008)

RATIONALE

Mater Dei Primary School recognises that student and staff access to the Internet is a valuable resource in the location and manipulation of information.

POLICY

1. Mater Dei understands its responsibilities for appropriate usage of the internet and E-mail facilities.

2. Students access the Internet and use E-mail facilities, under teacher supervision.

3. Students will complete a 'Student Internet Access Contract', including parent permission, before accessing the Internet.

OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES

1. The Internet is to be used to access appropriate curriculum related materials for classroom and school purposes.

2. Students agree to access only those sites that they are willing to share with their parents and teachers.

3. If an inappropriate site is accessed accidentally, students will immediately minimise the screen and inform the teacher immediately.

4. Students will not give out personal details such as surnames, addresses or phone numbers themselves or others, whilst using the Internet or E-mail.

5. Students, who mistakenly access inappropriate material, will tell the teacher immediately. If they fail to do so, it will be assumed that it was intentional and they may lose the privilege of using the Internet.
Student Internet Access Contract

Prep - Year 3

1. Students will follow teacher instructions regarding the use of the internet.
2. Students will remember that it is a privilege, not a right, to use the internet.
3. Students, when using the internet or email:

   - Will only access or send information which is relevant to his/her work and he/she is willing to share with parents and teachers.
   - Will respect the privacy of their family, their fellow students and themselves by not giving out any personal details such as surnames, addresses or phone numbers of themselves or others, whilst using the Internet or E-mail.
   - Will not send or access junk mail or inappropriate material. Should they receive any, they will inform the teacher immediately.
   - Will, when finding inappropriate material on the internet or in an email, **minimise the screen and inform the teacher immediately**.

4. Students, who mistakenly access inappropriate material, will tell the teacher immediately. If they fail to do so, it will be assumed that it was intentional and they may lose the privilege of using the internet.

Child’s Name : ______________________  Class: ________

I ___________________________  (please print name) have read and discussed these guidelines with my child.

Parent/guardian’s signature       Date

Teacher’s signature              Date

(Signed by teacher after the form has been returned to school with the signature of parent.)
Student Internet Access Contract

Years 4-6

1. I agree to follow all teacher instruction regarding the use of the internet.
2. I will remember that it is a privilege, not a right, to use the internet.
3. When using the internet or email:
   • I will only access or send information which is relevant to my work and I am willing to share with my parents and teachers.
   • I will respect the privacy of my family, my fellow students and myself by not giving out any personal details such as surnames, addresses or phone numbers of themselves or others, whilst using the Internet or E-mail.
   • I will not send or access junk mail or inappropriate material. Should I receive any, I will inform the teacher immediately.
   • If I find inappropriate material on the internet or in an email, I will minimise the screen and inform my teacher immediately.

4. If I mistakenly access inappropriate material, I will tell the teacher immediately. If I fail to do this, it will be assumed that it was intentional and I may lose the privilege of using the internet.

Child’s Name : ______________________  Class: ________

I ………………………………. (please print name) agree to follow the above guidelines and am aware that breaking the rules may result in the loss of my privilege to use the internet.

Student’s signature  Date

Parent/guardian’s signature  Date

Teacher’s signature  Date

(Signed by teacher after the form has been returned to school with the signature of parent.)