

INTERNET USAGE

TAWONGA PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

Rationale:

- The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion, and liaise with individuals, organisation and groups world-wide so as to increase skills, knowledge and abilities.

Aims:

- To improve student learning outcomes by increasing access to worldwide information.
- To develop skills in discriminate and appropriate internet usage.

Implementation:

- Our school actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources available, accompanied by the development of the skills necessary to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered.
- On enrolment and at the beginning of each year parents or guardians will be asked to provide permission for their child to use the internet.
- All students and staff at our school will have *copyright filtered* internet access as provided by the department of Education and Early Childhood Development.
- Staff will have their own password protected internet account and log on. Students will use a generic logon and will be supervised during internet use.
- The school will maintain a website on the internet.
- The school undertakes to ensure that any information published on the Internet by students or the school is of a high standard, and meets legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community in relation to copyright, safety and decency.
- Restricted access shall be available to guest users for specific purposes only.
- All students shall be responsible for notifying their teacher of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- All staff shall be responsible for notifying the Principal of any inappropriate material so that access can be blocked.
- Consequences of publishing, accessing or failing to notify the coordinator of inappropriate material shall include the removal of access rights.
- Privacy of students, parents, staff and other users must be recognised and respected at all times. When identifying students, the usual practice will be to use student's first name, and last initial if necessary.
- All students and parents at the beginning of each year will sign an Acceptable Usage Agreement for – two forms P-1 & 2-6.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's regular review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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