Dear Parents,

St Monica’s Primary School is committed to the integration of learning technologies into the school curriculum. Students from K-6 develop skills using a range of programs. We believe that the internet provides a rich source of information, a powerful research tool and an effective means of communication.

St Monica's Primary School actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources together with the development, by staff, of appropriate skills to analyse and evaluate such resources.

Such access is a privilege and not a right. Access entails responsibility.

Because of these points, the following procedures will govern the use of the Internet at St Monica’s.

STUDENTS:
- Will be supervised closely at all times while on-line and only visit sites at the direction of the teacher. ie. Use a specific URL or a bookmarked URL.
- Will not follow links away from a specific site without permission.
- Will conduct searches only with teacher direction.
- Will be responsible for following the accepted use agreement and understand the consequences.
- Are responsible for good behaviour on-line.

TEACHERS:
- Will prepare for lessons and projects using the Internet by visiting sites and related links to check appropriateness
  - Will closely supervise students using The Internet
  - Will have developed specific purposes for the students’ Internet use
  - Will be responsible for policing and enforcing the accepted use agreement
  - Will make themselves aware of the benefits and potential dangers of Internet use

The school undertakes to ensure that information published on the Internet by students or the School under the School’s name meets legal requirements and standards of general practice within the community in relation to copyright and safety. Students are issued with a personal log-in for our school intranet along with an individual school email address.

So that computer use is effective for students learning there are responsibilities associated with using expensive equipment and the Internet. It is necessary to teach students about the ethics of using this technology according to St Monica’s principles.

Attached is a Computer/Internet Agreement Form to be read carefully and signed by yourself and your child/children.

Before signing, please review the agreement carefully with your son/daughter and discuss the implications of the requirements. The signed agreement should be returned to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU SIGN ALL AREAS AND RETURN TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Yours sincerely,

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