

# CAWARRAL STATE SCHOOL INTERNET AND COMPUTER USE GUIDELINES

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student EQ ID No: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Computer Access Agreement**

At Cawarral we value the role of computers in learning and aim to ensure that all students have fair and equitable access to technology. With this access comes responsibilities, which include:

- Not altering the desktop, systems folders or other components of the operating system
- Not installing software unless directly instructed by the teacher
- Only using the computer when permission has been granted by the teacher
- Not inserting any personal disks to avoid the transmission of computer viruses
- Keeping food and drinks away from the computer and ensuring clean hands before using the computer
- Not tampering with the hardware eg. Printer, cables etc.
- Reporting any unusual or inappropriate computer use to the teacher immediately.

The Internet is a valuable tool, which can be used to promote learning outcomes across key learning areas. However, due to its complexity and the risks which can be associated with working on-line, it is crucial that students and parents read the following and sign before any access is permitted. Students will only use the Internet at Cawarral in guided situations for specific purposes.

## **Internet Access Agreement**

I understand that the Internet can connect me to much useful information stored on computers around the world.

While I have access to the Internet:

I will use it only for educational purposes

I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.

If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will:

- a) Clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen; and
- b) Immediately, quietly, inform my teacher.

I will not reveal home addresses or home numbers – mine or anyone else's.

I will not use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else.

I understand that if the school decides I have broken these rules, appropriate action will be taken. This may include loss of my Internet access for some time.

\_\_\_\_\_(Student's signature) \_\_\_\_\_(Date)

## **Parent or Guardian**

I understand that the Internet can provide students with valuable learning experiences.

I also understand that it gives access to information on computers around the world; that the school cannot control what is on those computers; and that a very small part of that information can be illegal, dangerous or offensive.

I accept that, while teachers will always exercise their duty of care, protection against exposure to harmful information should depend finally upon responsible use by students.

I believe \_\_\_\_\_ (name of student) understands this responsibility, and I hereby give my permission for him/her to access the Internet under the school rules. I understand that students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include loss of Internet access for some time.

\_\_\_\_\_(Parent/Guardian's signature) \_\_\_\_\_(Date)