Information and Communications Technology (ICTs) Policy

Nirimba State Primary School is committed to the provision of a futures orientated curriculum. Student access to and use of a variety of computer hardware, software and information sources, including internet and email, represents a significant element of our curriculum. Opportunities exist to further the education goals of the school by networking with others and accessing unique information and resources through technological mediums.

Student access to and use of computers needs to be carefully managed in a number of ways. One such way is to provide clear guidelines to students on correct use of computers, software and information sources. Central to these guidelines is agreement from the students and their parent/carer, that these guidelines will be met at all times. Parent/carer permission for students to use email and internet is also required.

Nirimba State Primary School has an Acceptable Use Policy and Guidelines for Technology. The essence of the section of the policy which applies to students is captured by the following information and declarations. We ask that you read through this information carefully with your child and discuss the implications of the issues addressed.

Following your considerations, you and your child are asked to complete the declarations in the enrolment booklet. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher if further clarification of the issues and declarations is required.

Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs): Student Access Policy Information Statement and Agreement Use of Internet and Email

The internet is a global network that will provide your child with access to a wide variety of information from around the world. Through this medium, your child will be able to communicate with people anywhere in the world.

Education Queensland manages the application of Connect Ed software that is designed to restrict access to material that exists on the internet which is deemed inappropriate for student access. However, the process is not infallible and therefore absolute guarantees that all inappropriate material will be blocked cannot be given.

The level of access to the internet for a student will be primarily determined by the requirements of the learning activity. At one level, students will have access to the World Wide Web through the Regions' networked computers. At another level students will be granted email access only through a classroom email address. Students will be supervised by teachers for each level of access.

Students are provided with an individual email address which will be used in accordance with the student ICTs access agreement.

Publishing on the Internet

As part of the learning experience, students may be required to produce material which will become part of an internet site. Students are permitted to either access or publish on the internet only after they and their parents have signed the declarations in the enrolment booklet.

Responsibility for the spelling, presentation, accuracy and content of all web page items rests with the student in the first instance and the teacher in the second. Hard copies of Web Pages generated by students will be retained by the classroom teacher. Web pages will be uploaded to the World Wide Web by a member of Nirimba State Primary School staff only, not by students.

Use of computers and iPads

In order to care for Nirimba State Primary School's technological equipment, ensure our software is appropriate and protect files, students are not permitted to:

- place food and drinks at or near the computers and associated hardware.
- use the computers and associated hardware unless a teacher is present in the room.
- use external memory without teacher's permission.
- alter the configuration of the computers.
- add or remove any software without teacher permission.
- add or remove hardware any time.
- download any file (including computer programs, video and audio files) without express teacher permission.

Please note: *Use of school devices and the use of the internet is a privilege which exists for all students (pending parent permission and the completion of the student declarations). Inappropriate use as described in the statement and associated policy, together with any unanticipated misuse that may evolve, will mean the student loses their privilege for a period of time depending upon the severity of the breech.*

Any files brought from home need to be approved by a teacher before accessing at school.

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Endorsement Date :   9th September, 2021   **Date :**   9th September, 2021