

INTERNET & E-MAIL ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY - STUDENTS

1. RATIONALE:

At Courtenay Gardens Primary School we aim to develop students who are literate and discerning users of learning technologies. To this end we need to ensure they are exposed to trends and advances in this ever-changing area. Hence, we believe in the educational value of electronic services, such as the Internet and e-mail, and recognise their potential to enhance and support learning and teaching. The opportunities such services can provide for the development of our students are invaluable. As a school we aim to protect students from any misuses or abuses in the use of such services.

2. AIMS:

- 2.1 To provide the students of Courtenay Gardens Primary School with networked access to the Internet and e-mail facilities.
- 2.2 To utilise the potential of these electronic services in teaching and learning opportunities.
- 2.3 To provide the school community with easy, rapid and up to date access to the entire world.

3. IMPLEMENTATION:

In order to provide all students with regular access to the Internet and e-mail the school needs to have networked computer access in all classrooms. This requires that all classrooms have the necessary cabling.

Children will be made aware of the possible problems inherent in the Internet through classroom discussions and activities, including the implementation of a student licence agreement system. Any students found to be breaking the terms of their agreement will be prohibited from further use. Refer to the penalty periods as outlined in the Internet Guidelines document.

The staff of C.G.P.S. will participate in professional development activities with the aim of further developing their own skills and confidence with the Internet, E-mail and eSmart guidelines so as this can then be passed onto the students through classroom activities.

4. EVALUATION:

- 4.1 This policy will be evaluated annually. Annual evaluation will consider questions such as:
Are all students given access to the Internet and E-Mail?
Is the licence agreement system, including lessons, achieving results?
Are classroom teachers developing their own skills in this area?
- 4.2 The ICT Committee will consider all aspects of this policy and its implementation when considering any future directions for the use of these facilities within the school.