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Internet Code of Behaviour – 2020

Dear parents/carers,

In keeping with our school's aim of providing a safe and ethical environment for all students, we have developed Leura Public School's Internet Code of Behaviour, which will enhance each child's supervised educational and recreational access to the Internet. Students are responsible for their behaviour on the Internet, just as they are in the classroom or in the playground.

In recent times, internet-based resources have become more interactive, allowing students to publish work, visible to a wider, often global audience, through resources such as a school/classroom blog, social educational learning networks and Google Applications for Education.

Online communication is critical to our students' learning of 21st Century skills. Video conferencing and web 2.0 tools such as blogging, social learning networks or podcasting offer an authentic, real-world vehicle for student expression. Publishing student pictures and work on websites, and participating in video conferences promotes learning and collaboration and provides an opportunity to share achievements and learn from their peers and teachers.

The use of video-conferences, blogs, podcasts, Google Applications for Education, social learning networks or other web 2.0 tools is considered an extension of the classroom. Any language that is considered inappropriate in the classroom is also inappropriate in all Internet applications.

The NSW Department of Education utilises filtering software and other tools to prevent students from accessing websites that are inappropriate for children. School staff also monitor the online activities of students. Breaches of the Internet Code of Behaviour will result in contact with parents and loss of Internet access and email account privileges for a set period of time.

Students and parents together are required to read, discuss and understand the Internet Code of Behaviour. The agreement is to be signed, dated and returned to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. Your child will not be permitted to use the internet at school until we have received the signed agreement.

Yours sincerely,

Elise Berwick
Principal

| INTERNET CODE OF BEHAVIOUR AGREEMENT | Please tick |
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| 1. I accept that Internet access at school is for educational purposes. I will not attempt to access sites other than those related to study during class time and will only access games or other personal interest sites if permitted by the teacher. | |
| 2. I will never try to access unacceptable content. | |
| 3. If I come across offensive material, I will immediately tell the teacher. | |
| 4. I understand that information found on the Internet may not be accurate and I will try to check the facts. | |
| 5. I understand that material on the Internet is subject to copyright and I will acknowledge any material that I use. I will not copy another person's work. | |
| 6. I will keep passwords confidential and log off after each session. | |
| 7. I will use email and Internet services respectfully and not send or post material that could cause offence or harm to others. | |
| 8. I will not change or delete any other person's work or bookmarks on the Internet or intranet without permission. | |
| 9. I will not enter information such as names, addresses, phone numbers, photographs, passwords, locations, entry codes or cracks (violation of security measure or privacy of others) on any site or apps. | |
| 10. I understand that certain sites will be blocked by the system filter and that other sites such as games which include any form of violence, certain websites in languages other than English, song lyric sites with unacceptable language or "cheat" sites are considered inappropriate content for school use. | |
| 11. I will not print any documents or pictures without the permission of my teacher. | |
| 12. I will not attempt to update, download or install any program. | |
| 13. I will take care of all equipment and never purposely damage or disable computers or networks. | |
| 14. I will not use 3G or 4G on school grounds when personal devices like smart devices, iPads, tablets and iPods are brought to school for special purpose programs. 3G and 4G will be turned off before I bring my device to school. | |
| 15. I have permission to use and create/publish pages to educational websites using interactive tools including, but not limited to, blogs, wikis, educational social learning networks, Google Applications for Education, podcasts and vodcasts. These tools include functions for publishing work, photos, video, voice and comments without including any identifying information, such as names and locations. | |
| 16. I understand that Internet use is a privilege and that failure to follow this code of behaviour will result in loss of Internet access or other disciplinary measures. | |

STUDENT / PARENT AGREEMENT

I have read the LPS Internet Code of Behaviour and ticked each box to show that I understand it. I accept the rules and agree to follow them as long as I am a student at this school.

Student name: _____ Date: _____

I have read the rules. I accept them and expect my child to follow them. I understand this agreement will be kept on file at the school.

Parent/Carer Name: Date:

Parent/Carer Signature:

Note: If this document is not signed, the student will not use the Internet for any purpose at school.