

# Internet Usage Policy

## Morgan Street Public School

### **RATIONALE**

The Internet is a world wide electronic “highway” connecting millions of computers all over the world and millions of individual users. Access to the Internet is now available to students and staff of Morgan Street Public School, in the Library, offices, and all classrooms.

The Department of School Education’s server filters all data that passes to the screen via the World Wide Web. However on a global network, it is impossible to control all materials, therefore children using the Internet have certain responsibilities regarding its appropriate use.

The primary purpose of the school’s Internet connection is educational. Morgan Street Public School will use the Internet to:

- develop and enhance information skills
- promote education excellence by facilitating resource sharing and innovation
- provide communication access through electronic mail

### **AIMS**

This policy aims to:

- encourage students to make responsible choices when using the internet.
- ensure child safety in the Internet
- help with understanding and respecting copyright
- provide a code of conduct (netiquette)
- develop an agreement that clearly outlines conditions, responsibilities and consequences of using or misusing the Internet

## MORGAN STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL 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 undertaking approved activity or research.
- be courteous and use appropriate language
- not use the Internet to annoy or offend anyone else
- not download material that is copyright, and only to a floppy disk or printer, with permission.
- respect the privacy of others
- not impersonate anyone or use a pseudonym.
- not reveal home addresses or phone numbers of myself or others.
- not claim the work of others as my own
- respect the equipment provided by not entering the set-up utility, load or copy my own software, alter the windows, menus, files etc or harm the equipment in any other way.

Any violation of the above will result in withdrawal of the privilege of Internet access. In all incidences, the parents will be informed. The Principal will assess the nature and seriousness of the violation to determine suitable consequences.

Such violations will result in one or more of the following consequences:

- verbal warning
- written reprimand detailing violation sent home to parents
- withdrawal from Internet access
- written apology
- in-school suspension
- short term suspension from school

I have read and understood this policy. I agree to abide by the conditions of responsible Internet use. I understand and accept that this privilege may be withdrawn if I violate the terms and conditions of use.

Name:.....

Class:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....

I have read and discussed this policy with my child. I have explained the conduct and consequences of misuse of the privilege of Internet access. I agree that my child is to abide by the policy.

Name of Parent/Caregiver:.....

Signature:.....

Date:.....