

MITCHELL STATE SCHOOL

Prep to Year 10



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Where respect and responsibility lead to success in learning and life choices

Student Full Name:		MIS Login / Username:	
Education Queensland Student Number: (if known)		School I.D. Number:	0027

Internet & Computer - Student Usage Agreement Form

In order to establish a network account and have access to the Internet and Intranet:

- The Mitchell State School Network Usage Policy Guidelines must be read and abided by
- The Mitchell State School Usage Agreement Form must be signed by students and parents

Student Responsibility

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

While I have access to the Internet and Intranet, I will abide by our School Rules:

1. **My Job:** I will use the internet & intranet only for educational purposes as directed by the teacher and understand that computers are monitored at all times.
2. **Safety:** I will not look for anything that is illegal, dangerous or offensive.
3. **Safety:** If I accidentally come across something that is illegal, dangerous or offensive, I will:
 - a) immediately, quietly, inform my teacher; and then
 - b) clear any offensive pictures or information from my screen.
4. **Safety:** I will not reveal passwords, home addresses or phone numbers - mine or that of any other person.
5. **Society:** I will not use computer, the Internet or Intranet to annoy or offend anyone else.
6. 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 or other elevated consequences in line with the Mitchell State School's Code of Behaviour.

Student Signature

Date

Parent / Carer Responsibility

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 that my child 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 computer, internet and network access for some time.

Parent / Carer - Full Name

Signature

Date

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INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS on SCHOOL NETWORK USAGE

Why are schools providing students access to ICT facilities?

To ensure young Queenslanders are well equipped to contribute fully to the information economy, the education sector is responding to the innovation directions of the Smart State Strategy through Smart Classrooms. This strategy focuses innovative programs and resources towards schools, teachers and students. An essential tool for schools in the provision of innovative educational programs is the utilisation of intranet, internet and network services. Therefore, access to these technologies is an increasingly essential part of the modern educational program provided in schools.

What is acceptable/appropriate use/behaviour by a student?

It is acceptable for students to use school computers and network infrastructure for: assigned class work and assignments set by teachers; developing literacy, communication and information skills; authoring text, artwork, audio and visual material for publication on the Intranet or Internet, solely for educational purposes as supervised and approved by the school; conducting research for school activities and projects; communicating with other students, teachers, parents or experts in relation to school work; and access to online references such as dictionaries, encyclopaedias, etc. Students can also collaborate, research and learn through Education Queensland's e-learning environment.

What is unacceptable/inappropriate use/behaviour by a student?

It is unacceptable for students to: download, distribute or publish offensive messages or pictures; use obscene or abusive language to harass, insult or attack others; deliberately waste printing and Internet resources; damage computers, printers or the network equipment; violate copyright laws which includes plagiarism; use unsupervised internet chat; and use online email services (e.g. hotmail), send chain letters or Spam e-mail (junk mail). Usernames and passwords are to be kept by the student and not divulged to any other individual (e.g. a student should not give their fellow students their username and password). Students can not use another student or staff member's username or password to access the school's network, including not trespassing in another person's files, home drive or e-mail. Additionally, students should not divulge personal information (e.g. name, parent's name, address), via the internet or e-mail, to unknown entities or for reasons other than to fulfil the educational program requirements of the school.

What is expected of schools when providing student's with access to ICT facilities?

Schools will provide information in relation to student access and usage of its network and reserves the right to restrict/remove student access to the intranet, extranet, internet or network facilities if parents or students do not adhere to the school's network usage and access guideline/statement. Schools will prepare students for the possibility of unanticipated access to harmful information, materials or approaches from unknown persons via the internet (e.g. run through processes for disregarding (or ceasing access) to information, the process for reporting accidental access to harmful information and reporting approaches from unknown persons via the internet to the supervising teacher or school staff member). Where possible, classes involving internet usage by students will be prepared prior to class engagement, including, filtering and checking sites students are directed to visit. An assessment should be made of the appropriate timeframe for access to the internet for completing the set task or duration a student should have access to the internet (e.g. during schools hours, outside of school hours).

What awareness is expected of students and their parents?

Students and their parents should:

- understand the responsibility and behaviour requirements (as outlined by the school) that come with accessing the school's ICT network facilities and ensure they have the skills to report and discontinue access to harmful information if presented via the internet or e-mail;
- be aware:
- that the ICT facilities should be utilised with good behaviour as stipulated under the Code of School Behaviour;
- students breaking these rules will be subject to appropriate action by the school. This may include restricted network access for a period as deemed appropriate by the school;
- access to ICT facilities provides valuable learning experiences, therefore giving the student educational benefits in line with the school's educational program;
- the Internet gives access to information on and from a wide variety of organisations, subjects, people, places with origins from around the world; the school can not control information accessed through the internet; and information may be accessed or accidentally displayed which could be illegal, dangerous or offensive, with or without the student's immediate knowledge; and
- teachers will always exercise their duty of care, but protection, mitigation and discontinued access to harmful information requires responsible use by the student.