THE INTERNET

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting thousands of computers all over the world. This ‘network of communities’, offers the potential to enrich the lives of individuals through access to up-to-date information.

When used responsibly the Internet offers wonderful educational opportunities. While the school will endeavour to ensure that students are monitored in this aspect of education, there are unique problems presented in this medium of communication.

On a global network it is impossible to control access to all materials. However, we believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may access inappropriate material that is not consistent with our educational goals and school ethos.

We believe that sensible guidelines and education of the student is the key to responsible and acceptable use of the Internet. There will be clear consequences and the loss of privileges for students who deliberately abuse this privilege.

STUDENT ACCESS

St Pius X School is pleased to offer the students the privilege of accessing the Internet, in the following ways:

- **World Wide Web.** All students will have access to search the Internet information resources through the Technology Centre and Library using reputable sites selected by teachers and/or using safe Search Engines.

**E-mail.** Certain classes will have access to a stpiusx.wa.edu.au e-mail under the teacher’s direct supervision.

CONDITIONS OF USE

Students are expected to exercise responsible behaviour when accessing the School / Internet network:

- Students will only gain access via a teacher.
- Articles may not be copied or printed without the permission of the teacher.
- Sources must be included in the list of references at the end of student assignments.
- Students may not deliberately access offensive or inappropriate information.
- Students may not send /receive inappropriate emails. Users must be polite and use appropriate language.
- All resources are to be used for educational purposes and not for the playing of games.
- Students are not permitted to download any software from the Internet.
- Students will not divulge home phone numbers, addresses or other personal information.

*Unacceptable use will result in suspension of the privilege of Internet access.*

After reading the terms and conditions for use of the Internet in this brochure, please discuss these with your child/children and return the signed Student and Parent Agreement to your child’s classroom teacher.

**STUDENT AGREEMENT**

I understand that the use of the School Computer network is a privilege.

I have read the rules with my parents and understand that if I do not follow these rules then I will not be allowed to use the computers until the Principal gives me permission to do so.

- I agree to follow the rules when using the Internet.
- I will tell my teacher if I see anything that is rude, has bad language or I think is not appropriate to be seen on our School Computers.
- I will be polite and use well written sentences when emailing.
- I will only visit a Web Site that has been approved by my teacher.
- I will not give any personal or school information over the Internet.

Student’s Name ______________________
Signature ______________ Date __________
As a parent I have read and understood St Pius X School’s Policy on ‘Acceptable Use of the Internet’.

♦ I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the School Staff will supervise my child’s use of the Internet.

♦ I understand that since it is technically impossible to restrict access to ALL controversial materials, I will not hold the school responsible for any materials acquired on the network.

♦ I will support the school in the use of the Internet, and agree to discuss the rules set out in this Policy with my child.

♦ I give permission for my child to use the Internet provided at St Pius X School.

Parent’s Name ________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date _________

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Internet access is available to students and teachers of St Pius X School. The internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence at St Pius X by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, collaboration and communication.