**Student Responsibility**

While working on the Internet, students and staff are expected to follow general ‘Netiquette’, basically good manners on the Internet.

- Students are to exercise responsible behaviour when on the network. Use it in a positive way and not to go searching for inappropriate items. Ask your teacher if unsure! It is the student’s responsibility not to go searching for inappropriate items and to report any unusual occurrences to staff in the room.

- Using someone else’s network account is not acceptable.

Violating the above guidelines and prohibitions could result in a suspension and possible ban on future use of the school’s computers.

Families should be aware that some material accessible via the Internet might contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive. It is possible to purchase certain goods and services via the Internet, which could result in unwanted financial obligations for which a student’s parents or guardians would be liable.

At all times students must be careful to adhere to copyright laws and should check with teachers if they are unsure as to whether material may be copied.

Please remember that the Internet is in a perpetual state of evolution and that the possibilities of finding and distributing information are endless. The school claims no control over the content or subject matter of the information available through this service, but aims to monitor and promote responsible use of this valuable medium.

Students using the Internet will be asked to sign the form below.

**ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY CONSENT FORM**

I have read the ‘Acceptable Use Policy’ and understand it. My signature below and that of my parent/guardian, means that I agree to follow the guidelines and consequences of Cassia ESC’s ‘Acceptable Use Policy’ for Internet as detailed above.

**Student’s name:** __________________________

**Class:** __________________________

**Signature:** __________________________

**Date:** __________________________

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**Parent(s) / Guardian(s) Signature**

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**Name of Parent(s) / Guardian(s)**
Cassia ESC and the Internet

Cassia ESC is pleased to offer its students access to the Internet.

The Internet is an electronic highway connecting hundreds of thousands of computers and 30+ millions of individual users all over the world. This computer technology will help propel us through the communication age by allowing students to access and use resources from distant computers, communicate and collaborate with other individuals and groups around the world, and significantly expand their available information base.

The Internet is a tool for life-long learning.

Guidelines

The Internet expands classroom resources dramatically by making many resources from all over the world available to students, teachers and education administrators.

Almost instantly information, data images and even computer software are bought into the classroom from places otherwise impossible to reach. Access to these resources can support individual and group projects, collaboration, curriculum materials and idea sharing not found in schools without Internet access.

Internet access also makes possible contact with people all over the world, bringing into the classroom experts in every content area.

As a hands-on classroom tool the use of networks can be a motivator for students. Their use encourages the kind of independence and problem solving skills required for students in our society.

Appropriate Use

The use of the Internet should be legal and ethical

- The Internet will be used by students and teachers for curriculum purposes, independent research and development, and the transfer of information relevant to the achievement of school goals.
- All uses of the Internet will be consistent with existing policies of the Education Department.
- The Internet may be used by employees for personal work-related activities, provided there is no additional cost to the Education Department nor commercial gains to the staff member, and the usage does not interfere with any other use with work carried out for the Department.
- School computers containing sensitive or confidential information must not be connected to the Internet as unauthorized personnel may be able to access data.

Cost

Cassia ESC has budgeted for resources to allow Internet usage free of charge to you.

The purpose of our Internet access is to let students take part in additional activities.