Mary Immaculate, a community embracing learning in and beyond the classroom, in the spirit of Christ and the humanness of all.

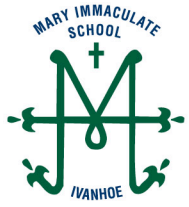## Student Computer and Cybersafety Policy

Rational:

The internet provides students with unprecedented opportunities to obtain information, engage in discussion and liaise with individuals, organisations and groups world wide so as to improve skills, knowledge and behaviours.

Mary Immaculate Parish Primary School actively supports access by students to the widest variety of information resources available. Students are taught the skill needed to filter, analyse, interpret and evaluate information encountered online.

Implementation:

Mary Immaculate School is aware of its responsibility and duty of care for students using the internet. Whilst all care is taken to ensure guidance for students using the school network and internet, it is still possible, that students may accidentally access inappropriate material. Mary Immaculate School will try to counteract this by teaching students the effective and safe use of the internet and ensuring supervision at all times.

- At the beginning of each school year, parents and students are required to read the Acceptable User Policy and to sign the Acceptable Use Agreement. Refer to appendix. These will be sent home in the Beginning of The Year pack.

- Access to the school internet and the school intranet is allowed on the return of the signed forms.

- Teachers are required to read and explain to their students, the Acceptable User Policy and the Acceptable User Agreement to ensure that the expectations are clearly understood.

- The Acceptable User Policy will be displayed in each classroom
- A cybersafety program will be taught within our Civics and Citizenship program and our Values Education program.

In summary, the use of the Mary Immaculate Learning Technology Network and the internet is a privilege. Breaching the above guidelines and rules will result in a temporary or permanent loss of the student's rights as a user of the computer network. All incidents will be fully investigated and documented with parents being informed of any breach of the agreement.

Evaluation:

The evaluation of the Student Computer and Internet User Policy' will occur annually. This will be overseen by the Principal, Deputy Principal, Director of Leaning and Teaching, eLearning Coordinator and eSmart Team.

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