INTERNET—ACCEPTABLE USE POLICY FOR STUDENTS

**PURPOSE OF THE INTERNET**
The Internet extends the classroom beyond the school building by providing access to information resources on local, state, national and international electronic network for students. Internet use at Eddystone Primary School is for educational purposes such as accessing curriculum related information, sharing resources and prompting innovation in learning. Learning how to use this wealth of information and how to communicate electronically are information literacy skills that support student achievement and success.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET**
- Government publication and databases
- Museums and art galleries
- Maps and other geographic resources
- Encyclopaedias and dictionaries
- Magazines and newspapers
- Library catalogues and community directories

**DISCLAIMER**
The accuracy and quality of the information available on the Internet cannot be guaranteed. Students must exercise due care and caution. The reliability of the publisher/site should be considered at all times.

**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**
Students shall:
- Use the Internet for educational purposes only.
- Communicate with others in a courteous and respectful manner.
- Maintain the privacy of their personal name, address, telephone number, passwords and respect the same privacy of others.

- Use only Internet accounts and passwords provided by the school.
- Report any incident of harassment to the supervising teacher.
- Comply with copyright laws and intellectual property rights of others.
- Acknowledge the source when using information in research projects and assignments.
- Students shall not…..
  - Knowingly enter unauthorised computer networks to tamper or destroy data.
  - Access or distribute abusive, harassing, libellous, obscene, offensive, pornographic, threatening or illegal material including e-mail.
  - Install personal software on computers.
  - Plagiarise—copy directly without acknowledging the author.
  - Use the Internet for commercial, purchasing or illegal purposes.
  - Copy or download for personal use.
  - Enter and use Chat Sites.

**PENALTIES**
Violations of the Internet Acceptable Use Policy may result in suspension of Internet privileges, school disciplinary action, and/or legal action.

*Remember -*
*If in doubt…..back out.*