Toolamba Primary School allows the students of our school access to the Internet and e-mail facilities. This will enable students to explore countless online learning opportunities.

We believe that it is important for students to have access to this exciting and challenging network of resources. We believe that families in partnership with the school, must take responsibility for their student’s accessing of the Internet in a manner that is consistent with the philosophy of the school. The Internet is a public place and students are expected to exhibit high standards of behaviour.

At Toolamba Primary School we have Internet connections throughout the school. Students’ access to the Internet is provided through the DE&T EduSTAR. This is a filtered service where offensive and controversial web sites are excluded. Student internet access will be for school and educational purposes only. The Internet facility is provided for students to conduct research and communicate with others across the globe. Students are responsible for good behaviour (netiquette) on the computer just as they are in the classroom and in the playground and access to the Internet is given with the expectation that students will act in a considerate, polite and responsible manner in conjunction with our Student Engagement Policy.

Teacher & parents are responsible for setting and conveying standards that students should follow in the use of information sources. Parent permission is sought to ensure that students are fully aware of their responsibilities when using the Internet.

We encourage students and / or parents, if unsure of any of these protocols to ask for clarification.

**INTERNET USAGE GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines have been developed so that all students will be aware of their responsibilities when using the Internet. Breaking any of the rules listed below will lead to the immediate disqualification of that pupil from use of the Internet.

1. *I agree to follow all teacher instructions regarding the use and activities on the computer.*
2. *When using the World Wide Web (WWW*) *I will access only appropriate information which is relevant to the work I am completing.*
3. *I will not use the Internet unless I am supervised by a teacher. I have read and discussed these Internet Usage Guidelines and give permission understanding that any Internet and E-mail usage will be directly supervised*.

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STUDENT’S SIGNATURE TEACHER’S SIGNATURE

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PARENT SIGNATURE DATE

PARENT NAME\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

1. *I will ensure that any e-mail I send out shows that I am a positive ambassador for Toolamba Primary School.*

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

This policy was ratified by School Council in Nov 2014