## Jells Park Primary School
## Internet Policy

**Purpose:**

Jells Park Primary School endeavours to provide a structured, safe and secure approach to Internet usage. The sole purpose of Internet access at Jells Park Primary School is to support education, research and collaboration by students and teachers through access to electronic.

This policy addresses issues as responsible users and aims to provide all members of the Jells Park Primary School community with a structured approach to the use of the Internet both at school and at home.

**Guidelines:**

All students who use Jells Park Primary School's Internet access are expected to read these guidelines and/or to take part in a discussion of the guidelines with teachers and parents. Adherence to the guidelines is a condition for a student's privilege of Internet access.

- Use of the Internet by students at Jells Park Primary School will be for educational purposes only.
- Staff, parents and students will be made aware of their responsibilities with regard to appropriate use of the Internet. It is strongly recommended that this agreement be used by parents as a guide to Internet use for students who have access to the Internet at home.
- Where possible, technological solutions will be used to ensure that student access is limited to relevant materials.
- Students should only be able to download a file under the direct supervision of teaching staff.
- Unacceptable use includes but is not limited to:
    - Accessing or attempting to access Copyright material
    - Threatening or obscene material
    - Racist or discriminatory material
    - Cyber Bullying
    - Attempting to deliberately damage or access remote/local networks by
        - Using another user's account without express permission
        - Unlawful network entry
        - Hacking or cracking codes
        - Data transfer
        - Spamming
        - Altering, adding or deleting data
        - Knowingly spreading computer viruses
    - Using un-approved communication tools (such as social media) without the permission of the teacher in charge
- The users of the Internet at Jells Park Primary School are expected to demonstrate positive network behaviour. The following etiquette is encouraged:
    - Polite communication
    - Do not send junk or nuisance communication
    - Share computer time and use it wisely
    - Use appropriate language
    - Any inappropriate site viewed inadvertently should be reported to a teacher or network supervisor
- Any serious breach of the school Internet policy will incur a consequence dependent on the severity and situation. Below are some **examples** of possible breaches and consequences.
    - **Breaches**
        - Attempting to access inappropriate website or content
        - Using networking tools such as VPNs to deliberately circumvent content filters
        - Cyberbullying and related aggressive behaviour

- **Consequences**
  - Counselled by Assistant Principal or STEM Leading Teacher
  - Parents contacted and issue discussed
  - Student limited to Internet use only under direct supervision
  - Loss of Internet access for a period of time
- **Intervention**
  - Jells Park Primary School will take measures to intervene and foster a culture of responsible Internet use, including but not limited to
  - Covering Cybersafety in the curriculum
  - Students sign an ICT agreement at the beginning of each school year
  - Random checks of digital devices
  - Supervision
- The school reserves the right to review a student's access to the Internet in consultation with the parents should the behaviour be warranted.

## Implementation:

- At the beginning of each school year, staff and students will be provided with and asked to read through and sign the staff or student agreement. Students will not be allowed to access the school's network or Internet unless this agreement is signed and returned to school.
- Research, communication and browsing appropriate web sites and email is encouraged in order to better meet positive learning outcomes. Students exercise good independent moral decision making when using the Internet at school.
- Student access to the Internet will be supervised at all times to ensure that it is being used appropriately.

## Evaluation:

Successful implementation of this policy will be measured by:
- Data collected from the annual Student Attitude to School Survey.
- Feedback from the annual Parent Opinion Survey.
- Data from the annual Staff Opinion Survey.

This policy will be reviewed as part of Jells Park Primary School's four-year review cycle, or earlier as required.