

**Burnside High School
Internet Permission Form**



Permission for using the Internet or a Mobile Phone, iPod or other Electronic Device

(a) Computer Internet Access

Burnside High School makes the Internet available to students for use in many subject areas and in library research. However, before being allowed to access it, students must have their parent or caregiver's written permission and they, and their parent or caregiver, must agree to abide by the school rules concerning the use of the Internet and Other Electronic Devices.

We have taken steps to make Internet use as safe as possible and access is filtered by special software. We have also put in place rules for its use that discourage practices that might be harmful, inappropriate or hurtful to themselves or others.

(b) Use of a Mobile Phone, iPOD or other Electronic Device

Burnside High School accepts that there are many advantages in students having access to Mobile Phones, iPODs and other Electronic Devices while at school but that there are also risks that they might be used in a way that disrupts learning or is harmful, inappropriate or hurtful to the student or to others. We have also put in place rules to minimise these risks.

Requirements for using the Internet, Mobile Phones, iPods or other Electronic Devices at Burnside High School:

- Normal school rules and standards of good behaviour apply.
- Access is a privilege, not a right, and misuse is likely to lead to the loss of the privilege.
- Staff may review the contents of devices being used on the school network or at school to ensure that students are using the technology responsibly.
- Students should not expect that files stored on school servers or disks will always be private.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices must be turned off during class time or while involved in school activities, such as assembly, unless directed otherwise by the teacher for a specific learning purpose.

The following are not permitted:

- Accessing or attempting to access inappropriate websites.
- Accessing chat rooms or sending chain letters.
- Displaying offensive messages or pictures.

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- Using obscene language.
 - Bullying, harassing, insulting or attacking others.
 - Damaging computers, computer systems or networks.
 - Violating Copyright laws.
 - Using other people's passwords and trespassing on or changing the folders, files or work of others.
 - Using the device to find, create or send information that might be harmful or inappropriate.
 - Posting private information about another person.
 - Taking photos, recording sound or videoing individuals without their **prior** approval.
 - Publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space without the **prior written** permission from the individuals involved.
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Permission Section

As a school user of the internet, I agree to comply with the school rules on its use.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the parent/caregiver of this student, I grant permissions for him/her to use the Internet. I understand that students will be held accountable for their own actions and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when using the Internet and electronic devices at school.

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please remove and attach to your enrolment form.