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Dear Parents,

Responsible use of School ICT Resources

As part of your child’s curriculum, Miandetta Primary School is providing supervised access to Information and Communication Technologies (ICT).

ICT includes the use of: computers, laptops, iPads and printers; the school network; the Internet; email; digital/video cameras; scanners; web cams and interactive white boards.

These technologies are used within the school for research, for communicating with other people, for publishing students’ work, and for learning basic skills. The Department of Education is committed to the pursuit of excellence in learning and teaching through the integration of learning technologies into education programs.

While staff will ensure that high-quality on-line materials are available and promoted, it is possible that your child may encounter inappropriate material while using these resources. The school minimizes this risk by providing appropriate supervision, using Internet filters, and educating students to participate safely and responsibly when online.

The school has developed rules for safe and responsible use of ICT and all students work to these rules. Students in Grade 4 and above are required to sign an Acceptable Use Agreement. Please complete and return the attached agreement so that your child is able to use the computing and Internet resources available at this school.

From time to time the school may want to publish to the Internet, photographs of students involved in school activities and/or samples of students’ work in order to share good practice, celebrate success and inform the learning community about our activities. Your child may also be involved in online learning activities which involve publication to other relevant Department of Education websites. The school enrolment form and the annual validation of information form requests your consent for this purpose.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the use of Information and Communication Technologies within our school please telephone to arrange an appointment.

Yours sincerely,

Mandy Beard
Principal
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