Acceptable Use of ICT Statement – Parents /or Guardians

ACT Education and Training Directorate (ACTETD) public schools operate within various policy guidelines that support the rights and expectations of every member of the school community to engage in and promote a safe and inclusive educational environment. This environment includes (but is not limited to) the ACTETD’s computer network; Personal Electronic Devices (PEDs) that connect to its networks; online applications hosted within the ACTETD’s secure environment (e.g. Digital Backpack, Oliver) as well as online and/or cloud environments outside of the ACTETD’s secure online environment.

According to the Melbourne Declaration on the Educational Goals for Young Australians (MCEECDYA, 2008)¹: “in a digital age, and with rapid and continuing changes in the ways that people share, use, develop and communicate with ICT, young people need to be highly skilled in its use.” The ACTETD recognises the need for students to engage with ICT resources and that the safe and responsible use of these technologies – including online behaviour – is best taught in partnership with parents and/or guardians.

To ensure the security of the network and users, the ACTETD may authorise access to user logs in the event that there is a potential breach of the conditions of this policy, which may pose a threat to:

- System security
- Privacy of staff and students
- Privacy of others
- Legal liability of the ACT Government
- Student welfare

Weetangera School has invested in a variety of ICT devices, including a range of laptops, desktop computers and iPads for students use at school. As a result personal devices will be required for the learning program to take place.

By signing this statement, you acknowledge the procedures and guidelines outlined in the Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT – Parents and Students Policy and agree to your child accessing ICT resources in ACT schools.

¹ http://www.mceecdya.edu.au/verve/resources/national_declaration_on_the_educational_goals_for_young_australians.pdf

Acceptable Use of ICT Statement - Parent and/or Guardian Consent

I have read and understand the Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT – Parents and Students Policy and its associated procedural documents: Acceptable Use of ICT Guidelines and Use of Third Party Web Based Educational Services Guidelines. I understand the need for my child to be a safe and responsible user of ICT resources – including the use of PEDs, and support the ACTETD in the implementation of the policy guidelines as outlined in the Communities Online: Acceptable Use of ICT Resources Policy. I have discussed this information with my child.

I agree to my child having access to (please circle):

| School computers, iPads, local applications, and network drives | Yes | No |
| Internet | Yes | No |

Name of child (printed):