

Permission form C (for years 8 to 12): School Network Access

Please read the following terms and conditions for School Network Access before you complete the form below

Shearwater Steiner School provides a variety of computers, printers, and other equipment for the use of students and staff. This equipment is networked to provide optimum use of resources and allow communication, sharing of data and access to the Internet.

Students and staff have access to a School email account and the Internet.

With access to computers and the Internet also comes availability of material that may not be considered to be of educational value in the context of the School setting. On a global network it is impossible to control all materials and an industrious user may discover controversial information.

We firmly believe that the valuable information and interaction available on this worldwide network far outweighs the possibility that users may procure material that is not consistent with our educational goals.

The smooth operation of the network relies however upon the proper conduct of the end users who must adhere to strict guidelines. These guidelines are provided here so that you are aware of your responsibilities.

In general, this requires efficient, ethical and legal utilisation of the network resources. If a user violates any of these provisions, his or her access will be terminated, School disciplinary and/or appropriate legal action may be taken and future access could possibly be denied.

The signature(s) on the Shearwater Steiner School Network User Application indicates the party(ies) who signed has (have) read the terms and conditions below carefully and understand(s) their significance.

With Thanks,
Stan Stevens
Administrator

Terms and Conditions

1. **Acceptable Users:** The purpose of computer use at Shearwater Steiner School is to support research and education by providing access to unique resources and opportunity for collaborative work. Computer use must be in support of education and research and consistent with educational objectives. Use of other organization's network and computing resources must comply with the rules appropriate for that network. Transmissions of any material in violation of any Australian or State regulation are prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to, copyrighted material, threatening or obscene material, or material protected by trade secret. Use of product advertisement or political lobbying is also prohibited. Use for commercial activities is generally not acceptable.

2. **Privileges:** The use of the Shearwater Steiner School network is a privilege, not a right. In the event of inappropriate use the School may:

- deny, revoke, or suspend specific user access (e.g. suspension of user because of access to pornography/ inappropriate material attributed to that user's ID);
- instigate School disciplinary action (e.g. suspension or expulsion for vandalism);
- take appropriate legal action (e.g. student reported to police for selling and distributing illegal material).

Each student who receives access will participate in a discussion with a Shearwater Steiner School staff member pertaining to the proper use of the network. The system administrator and staff will deem what is inappropriate use and their decision is final.

3. **Netiquette:** You are expected to abide by the general accepted rules of network etiquette. These include, but are not limited to, the following.

- Be polite. Your messages should not be abusive to others.
- Use appropriate language. Do not swear, use vulgarities, or any other language deemed inappropriate.
- Do not reveal your personal address or phone number. Do not reveal the personal addresses and/or phone numbers of fellow students or colleagues.
- Illegal activities are strictly forbidden.
- Note that electronic mail (e-mail) is not guaranteed to be private. People who operate the system have access to all mail. Messages relating to or in support of illegal activities may be reported to the authorities.
- Do not use the network in any way that would disrupt network services for other users.
- All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.

4. **Vandalism:** Vandalism will result in cancellation of privileges.

Vandalism is defined as any malicious attempt to harm or destroy hardware, software, data of another user, or any agencies or other networks that are connected

to the School network. This includes, but is not limited to, the uploading or creation of computer viruses.

5. Security: Security on any computer system is a high priority, especially when the system involves many users. If you feel you can identify a security problem, you must notify a staff member who will in turn notify a system administrator.

- Do not use another individual's account.
- Do not give other people your user name or password.
- Do not leave a computer logged on in your name.
- You are responsible for any action carried out by your user name. This includes storage of material, transmission of data, and vandalism.
- Attempts to login as a system administrator will result in cancellation of user privileges. Any user identified as a security risk or having a history of problems with other computer systems may be denied access to the Network.

6. Non-Liability: Shearwater Steiner School makes no warranties of any kind, whether expressed or implied, for the service it is providing. Shearwater Steiner School will not be responsible for any damages suffered. This includes loss of data resulting from delays, non-deliveries, miss-deliveries, or service interruptions caused by negligence, errors or omissions. Use of any information obtained via Shearwater Steiner School is at the user's own risk. Shearwater Steiner School is not responsible for the accuracy or quality of information obtained.

7. Exception to Terms and Conditions: All terms and conditions as stated in this document are applicable to Shearwater Steiner School. These terms and conditions reflect the entire agreement of the parties and supersede all prior oral or written agreements and understandings of the parties. The School reserves the unilateral right to amend, add or delete any part of this policy.

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I (full name of Student over 18 years of age) have read, understood and will abide by the terms and conditions for Network and Internet access at Shearwater. I further understand that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offence.

Date

Signature

I (full name of Parent or Guardian) hereby give my permission to grant my child/children
..... (full name of Student under 18 years of age)
..... (full name of Student under 18 years of age)
..... (full name of Student under 18 years of age)
..... (full name of Student under 18 years of age)
access to the School's Network and Internet. I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes. However, I also recognise it is impossible for Shearwater Steiner School to restrict access to all controversial materials and I will not hold Shearwater Steiner School responsible for materials acquired on the network. Further, I accept full responsibility if and when my child's use is not in a School setting. I have made sure my child/children have read and understood the terms and conditions for Network and Internet access at Shearwater and that he/she/they have agreed to abide by those rules. He/she/they have further understood that any violation of the regulations is unethical and may constitute a criminal offence.

Date

Signature