The Internet is an excellent resource for research and communication. However, there is material on the Internet that is not appropriate or fitting for general use. For this reason, there needs to be a code of conduct which contains rules and guidelines so that students only use the Internet in a suitable manner.

The College now has a variety of computers that can access the Internet. In light of the increasing number of computers it has become necessary to treat the computers with care.

Please read the following document carefully and sign where appropriate.

The following actions are not permitted:

1. Sending, displaying or accessing offensive sites, messages or pictures.
2. Using obscene language (including e-mail abuse).
3. Harassing, insulting or attacking others (including e-mail abuse). Interfering with another’s use of the computer.
4. Damaging computers, computer networks (by changing settings, creating, introducing or spreading computer viruses, hacking, physically abusing hardware, etc).
5. Software piracy (illegal copying). The legal rights of software producers and network providers, and copyright and license agreements, must be honoured.
6. Violating copyright laws when researching materials on networked software (such as CD-ROMs) should not be plagiarized. Any sources used in research must be cited and credit given to the author.
7. Using another person’s passwords/account.
8. Trespassing in other people’s folders, work or files.
9. Intentionally wasting resources.
10. Employing the network for commercial purposes or activities for/by profit institutions or organisations, product advertisement or political lobbying.
11. Using a network to disrupt its use by other individuals or connecting networks.
12. Disrespect of other’s privacy and intellectual property.
13. Transmitting any material in violation of state, federal or international regulations.
14. Storing or using information on a school server that is not used for school work.
Students are also to be aware that:

1. All communications and information accessible via the network should be assumed to be private property.
2. Computer problems including security problems must be brought immediately to the attention of the attending teacher.
3. Students may only use those Internet services to which they have been given legitimate access. Chart IRC and ICQ access is not provided. Students may not access Hotmail or similar internet e-mail programs, other than the e-mail system specified by the College.
4. From time to time, student work may be selected to be published on the Internet.

Violating this agreement may result in suspension and/or exclusion from the College.
Please read the following carefully before signing this document. Your signatures state you have read the terms and conditions, and understand and agree to them. This form should be returned to the College.

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TO THE STUDENT/PARENT/CAREGIVER

I (student) …………………………………………… have read and understand the Computer and Internet Conditions of Use on the previous page. I agree to, and will abide by all conditions stated in the “Computer and Internet Conditions of Use”.

I understand that access to the Internet is a privilege, not a right and understand that it is revocable.

I accept the responsibility of following the “Computer and Internet Conditions of Use” thereby ensuring that Quinns Baptist College will not be liable for damages that could result from the misuse of Quinns Baptist College’s Internet and Computers. In addition, I will take full responsibility and liability for the results of my actions with regards to the use of the Internet and Computers. I release Quinns Baptist College of any liability relating to consequences resulting from the use of the Internet and Computers.

I have read the Quinns Baptist College Code of Conduct for Computers and Internet Usage, understand it, and agree to adhere to the principles and procedures detailed therein. I understand that some of my work may be published in class situation on the College web site (under my first name only – for identification and safety purposes) and that I may use e-mail within the above guidelines.

Student signature …………………………………………………………………………

Parent signature …………………………………………………………………………

Date ……………/……/…………..