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Dear Parents,

The internet can extend teaching and learning beyond the walls of the classroom. It provides access to global information, resources and activities and allows communication with users across the world.

Students at St Clare's have access to our computer network for educational use.

It is a powerful resource for learning as well as an efficient means of communication and the benefits exceed any disadvantages.

The schools network is protected by anti-virus software and CastNet is filtered for inappropriate material and access to the internet is by individual password. It is however necessary to educate our children about possible dangers of using the internet. Also how to use the computers, St Clare's network and the internet in a safe and responsible manner.

To this end it has been necessary to review and amend St Clare's Technology Policy to include the attached contract for students in Years 3 – 6. Please read, sign and return the contract to school.

A great resource for information about internet safety is NetAlert (www.netalert.gov.au). NetAlert is an Australian Government created online safety program set up to protect Australian families online. It provides effective tools, information, advice and free internet content filter software to help protect our children online.

We appreciate your continued support in ensuring that you child uses technology in a safe and responsible manner.

Kevin Devine
Principal

