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Students are expected to exercise responsible behaviour when accessing the School / Internet network:

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- Articles may not be copied or printed without the permission of the teacher.
- Sources must be included in the list of references at the end of student assignments.
- Students may not deliberately access offensive or inappropriate information.
- Students may not send /receive inappropriate emails. Users must be polite and use appropriate language.
- All resources are to be used for educational purposes and not for the playing of games.
- Students are not permitted to download any software from the Internet.
- Students will not divulge home phone numbers, addresses or other personal information.

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As a parent I have read and understood St Pius X School’s Policy on ‘Acceptable Use of the Internet’.

♦ I understand that this access is designed for educational purposes and that the School Staff will supervise my child’s use of the Internet.

♦ I understand that since it is technically impossible to restrict access to ALL controversial materials, I will not hold the school responsible for any materials acquired on the network.

♦ I will support the school in the use of the Internet, and agree to discuss the rules set out in this Policy with my child.

♦ I give permission for my child to use the Internet provided at St Pius X School.

Parent’s Name ________________________
Signature ____________________________ Date __________

Internet access is available to students and teachers of St Pius X School. The internet offers vast, diverse, and unique resources to both students and teachers. Our goal in providing this service is to promote educational excellence at St Pius X by facilitating resource sharing, innovation, collaboration and communication.