ICT (Information & Communication Technology) 
Acceptable Use Agreement

The following information is to support Parents’ and Caregivers’ understanding of the benefits and risks associated with online access. This information supports St Patrick’s School’s ICT Acceptable Use Policy. All stakeholders of St Patrick’s School community, as part of the enrolment agreement, agree to abide by this policy.

Benefits of on-line access include:
- Access to up to date and relevant information on a wide variety of topics
- The ability to communicate with peers and experts both domestically and internationally
- Teachers and students can use the internet collaborative learning projects to provide an audience for creative work and as a platform for learning information access skills.

Risks of on-line access include:
- Unlike a good encyclopedia, the information on the Internet is not always well selected or well organized. The information can sometimes be illegal, dangerous or offensive.
- Privacy is not assured, email can be intercepted and read by complete strangers. Other users of your computer, your local system administrator and staff at the outside service provider can all find out what information has been accessed from the World Wide Web.
- A strong potential for viruses to be received exists.

Strategies to deal with these risks include: (This information forms part of the Procedures of the St Patrick’s School Allora Acceptable Use Policy)
- Up to date virus protection software is installed on machines
- Internet filters provided by the Toowoomba Catholic Schools Office restricts access to illegal, dangerous or offensive materials.
- Unique usernames and passwords are given to prevent students from login on as someone else.
- Students are instructed in the understanding of what constitutes illegal, dangerous or offensive materials and what students should do when these appear on screens.