APPLICATION FOR MEDIUM FILTERING

As the internet becomes an increasingly significant tool in education, it is important that schools have access to safe and appropriate material.

Education Queensland’s internationally recognised web filtering system, Blue Coat, adds extra measures to protect students against:

- inappropriate webpages
- spyware and malware
- insecure instant messaging
- peer-to-peer sessions
- scams and identity theft.

Levels of filtering

When students are at school they automatically have the highest level of filtering.

Student devices are currently set to a high level of filtering at home and away from school. This provides a less restrictive access than at school, however a greater level of protection than medium.

In partnerships with schools, parents/caregivers can request that their child has medium level filtering when they are connected to a non-departmental internet connection, such as their own home internet.

Medium level filtering provides a less restrictive level of protection. Students with this level can access a wider range of websites, which include:

- Social networking e.g. Facebook
- Adult/Mature content
- Alternative Spirituality/Belief
- Nudity
- Translation websites.

The department recognises web filtering is no substitute for parental supervision. While the department continually enhances its systems to ensure the safety of users, departmental control is no substitute for the ongoing vigilance of parents and caregivers.

I, Parent/Caregiver, give permission for (Student name) __________________________ to be given medium level of filtering on his/her student laptop. I am aware of the elevated/additional access the student will be given to the internet and take full responsibility for his/her access to such material. I also understand that the filtering level may be returned to high at the school’s discretion, if the student abuses this privilege.

Parent/Caregiver full name: ___________________________ Signature: __________________

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