



ONLINE CONSENT FORM

CONNECT FOR STUDENTS

Dear Parent / Guardian,

Our school now has access to the online services in the form of **Connect** provided by the Department of Education and Training. These increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and will enhance the opportunities available to students.

I am writing to you to seek approval for your child to be given access to these online services. This will involve the school using the student's full name, preferred name, class and year to create a unique online services account. These details are used by the school and not made available on the Internet other than the creation of an email address. Every student will undertake a range of learning activities in relation to cyber-safety, appropriate online behaviour and password management prior to be given access.

The Department's online services currently provide:

- individual email accounts for all students and staff. This email service is to be used for school related purposes only and all email accounts can be monitored by the department;
- access to the internet, with all reasonable care taken by schools to monitor and control students' access to web sites while at school;
- access to email services from home if the home computer is connected to the Internet; and
- access to the Online Teaching and Learning System (CONNECT)

These services will also enable your son or daughter to access school related materials and teacher assigned learning activities from home.

If you agree to your son or daughter making use of these online services, please complete the permission slip attached to this letter. You will also need to ensure that your son or daughter reads or understands the acceptable usage agreement, also attached to this letter, before the permission slip is signed. Both signed documents should be returned to school so that an online services account can be created for your child.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content and provide filtering when using the Department's Online Services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure.

You should also be aware that general Internet browsing by your child from home or locations other than school is **not** monitored or filtered by the Department since it is not conducted via the Department's online services and that you are responsible for supervision of your child's use of the internet from home.

Yours sincerely

Trevor Hinchliffe
Deputy Principal

Permission for students to have an online services account

(Please write the name using one capital letter per box)

Student's first name

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Student's last name

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Student's preferred name (eg. Steph for Stephanie)

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Student's room number

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Parents / responsible persons

Do you give permission for your child to have an online services account? **Yes / No (circle one)**

I agree to and understand the responsibilities my child has using the online services provided at school for educational purposes in accordance with the acceptable usage agreement for school students. I also understand that if my child breaks any of the rules in the agreement, that the principal may take disciplinary action as provided in policies of the school or the Department of Education and Training.

Name of parent or responsible person: _____

Signature of parent or responsible person: _____

Date: _____

Note: while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department of Education and Training to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using the Department's Online Services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure. The Department cannot filter Internet content accessed by your child from home or from other locations away from school. The Department recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.

Office use only: Date processed: / /

Processed by (initials):

Note: This permission slip should be filed by the teacher and a copy provided to the parent.