

Dear parent / responsible person

Our school provides access to online services provided by the Department of Education. These increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and enhance the learning 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 access their unique online services account.

The Department's online services currently provide:

- individual email accounts for all students and staff;
- 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 the online teaching and learning services such as web-conferencing, digital resources and online learning activities;
- access to online file storage and sharing services; and
- access to Portal services from home if the home computer is connected to the Internet.

If you agree to your child using these online services, please complete the permission slip attached to this letter and have your child sign the Acceptable Usage Agreement form. Please go through and explain all of the dot points in the Acceptable Usage Agreement to ensure that your child understands the content before the permission slip is signed. Both signed documents should be returned to school so that an online services account can be verified 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 when using Department provided online services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure.

You should be aware that the Department has the right to review, audit, intercept, access and disclose messages created, received or sent over Department online services. Logs of email transactions and Internet access data are kept for administrative, legal and security purposes and may be monitored. Similar to other corporate records, emails and Internet access records are discoverable in the event of legal action and are subject to provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1992.

You should also be aware that general Internet browsing not conducted via the Department's network is **not** monitored or filtered by the Department. The Department encourages close family supervision of all Internet use by children in locations other than school, and strongly recommends the use of appropriate Internet filtering software.

In addition to the Acceptable Usage requirements, we have updated the attached Media Consent form to align with the Department's *Students Online in Public Schools Guidelines* and ask that this form also be completed and returned. Thank you for your assistance.

Yours sincerely



Cavelle Monck
Principal
14 November 2018

CONSENT FORM

Dear Parents,

At **Mount Lawley Primary School** we aim to offer your child the widest range of learning opportunities and celebrate learning whenever possible. This may often require some form of parental consent. This form asks you to consent (or otherwise) to your child's participation / use / access to several aspects of the school program. At all times we make the very best efforts to exercise exemplary standards in respect of duty of care.

MEDIA CONSENT

Your permission is sought for the school to publish video or photographic images and/or samples of your child's work taken during school activities.

If you give permission, the school may publish the images internally on Department of Education intranet sites, in online and hard copy school newsletters, Department of Education public Internet websites, school annual magazines and local newspapers. If published externally to an open website or publication, third parties would be able to view the photographs and work.

By signing the attached consent form you agree to the following:

- The images or work samples would be used for the purpose of educating students, promoting the school, or promoting public education.
- The images or work samples may be reproduced as many times as required for these purposes.

Any video or photograph captured by the school will be kept for no longer than is necessary and will be stored and disposed of securely. Whilst every effort will be made to protect the identity of your child, the Department of Education cannot guarantee that your child will not be able to be identified from the video, photograph or work sample. This consent, if signed, will remain effective until such time as you advise the school otherwise.

- Yes, I give consent to my child to have his/her image and/or work published as described above.
 No, I do not give consent.

For more information, see Section 2.4 of the Department of Education's *Students Online in Public Schools Guidelines* document which is available on our website.

VIEWING CONSENT

Children often watch videos / DVDs / television documentaries as part of their learning. Almost always these are 'G' rated and don't require consent. Very occasionally something with a 'PG' rating is appropriate for which we would need parental permission.

- Yes, I consent to my child viewing items with a 'PG' rating if deemed suitable by the teacher and school administration.
 No, I do not give consent.

LOCAL EXCURSIONS

Children occasionally walk within the local area for minor excursions under the supervision of the teacher and attend activities in local parks, nature reserves, another school, city council library or shopping centre. On all occasions, parents will be notified of the local excursion.

- Yes, I consent to my child participating in teacher supervised local excursions which may involve short walks to and from the school.
 No, I do not give consent.

Name of student: _____ Year: _____ Room: _____

Name of person signing the consent form:

Title: _____ First Name: _____ Surname: _____

Please indicate relationship to the student (e.g. parent/guardian/responsible person): _____