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Technology at Merrylands Public School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Merrylands Public School is committed to providing a technology rich environment for our students as our community believes the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is fundamental in assisting teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum.

This year your child will be using a range of web based learning resources to support and improve student learning outcomes. Students will be using applications and websites on iPads and laptops throughout the year. There is no cost to families as the school has paid for subscriptions to websites and provides all devices for students to use.

When using technology, students are taught about cyber safety and reminded of our school values, safe, respectful and responsible. Teachers monitor student use of technology at school and breaches of this will result in serious consequences in line the school discipline policy.

Teachers will be using a range of web based service providers, some are listed below. Registering with these providers requires that some personal information about a student in your care. This may include: student name, year group and student email address (we will only use the minimum amount of student information). The websites and applications used by teachers may include:

See Saw <https://web.seesaw.me>

Typing Club <https://www.typingclub.com>

Mathletics <http://au.mathletics.com>

Google Classroom <https://classroom.google.com>

Epic <https://www.getepic.com>

Reading Eggs <https://readingeggs.com.au>

Teachers will choose the applications and websites which are suitable for their class and provide login information for students to access from home.

Parent communication from SeeSaw

SeeSaw is an application used by students and teachers to share learning in the classroom with parents and carers. The application is available on smartphones, tablets and in web browsers for free. Teachers may choose to send the QR code home for you to see your child's work. SeeSaw allows students to take and upload photos, complete learning tasks, make comments and record their ideas. All work and comments are approved by the teacher prior to publishing.

Walking permission - 2020

During 2020 there are activities that students are required to leave school grounds and walk short distances to local parks, Merrylands High School, Merrylands Oval, Lawson Square or Fowler Road School. Students are always supervised by teaching staff during these activities. A mandatory risk assessment is conducted for all walking opportunities. Please sign the form below to grant permission your child to walk.

Please turn over...

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General Permission to Publish and disclose information – 2020

I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child's name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child's work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

The communications in which your child's information may be published or disclosed include but are not limited to:

- Public websites of the Department of Education including the school website, the Department of Education intranet (staff only), blogs and wikis
- Department of Education publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department's websites
- Official Department and school social media accounts on networks such as YouTube, Facebook and Twitter
- Local and metropolitan newspapers and magazines and other media outlets

Parents should be aware that when information is published on public websites and social media channels, it can be discoverable online for a number of years, if not permanently. Search engines may also cache or retain copies of published information. Published information can also be linked to by third parties.

Bronwyn York
Principal, Merrylands Public School

Student's name:

Grade/Class:.....

I have read the "Technology" section overleaf and:

I give permission for my child to use websites and applications to assist teaching and learning.

I have read the "Permission to walk" section overleaf and:

I give permission for my child to participate in all walking activities.

I have read the "Permission to publish" section above and:

I give permission for Merrylands Public School and the Department of Education to publish information about my child as described above, including in publicly accessible communications.

Parent/carer name (please print):

Parent/carer signature: Date: