NSW Department of Education

Consent to use third-party software

Dear parent/carer

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

The school uses third-party software providers offering web-based online educational resources and cloud-based storage to support our administrative functions and enhance student learning outcomes.

In most instances, students are required to register before accessing the software. Registration involves either a staff member or student entering identifying information such as name, school year, and the student's school email address into the software.

Attached is a consent form seeking your approval to register your child to use certain software. Please complete both sides.

If you have any questions or require further clarification please contact Mrs Debby Meredith on 9605 1024.

Yours sincerely

Ms Vicki Craze
Principal
8/03/23

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This year Macquarie Fields Public School will use the third-party software listed in the table below. Please indicate your consent for each application.

Software name and web site link	Purpose of the software	Student information entered in the app	Country information is stored	Information shared with	Consent
Seesaw: https://web.seesaw.me/ Used by whole school	Seesaw enables families to see photos of their child's work and add comments or feedback. Seesaw is also used to support communication between the school and families with its in-built messaging functions.	Student name, class name, year name, school name, student works, parent name, parent email address	Australia	Google	Y ☐ N ☐
Essential assessment https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/ Used by Primary Classes	Essential Assessment software is used by our teachers to collect assessment data to drive teaching and instructional leadership. It enables teachers to differentiate to the needs of each student in their class.	Student name, class name, school name, student works and results	Australia	Vimeo	Y ☐ N ☐
Kahoot https://kahoot.com/ Used by individual teachers	Kahoot is an online game program. At our school, teachers set up the quiz and children join using a code. No other information is shared.	None	Offshore – Germany, France, Canada	Zoom video conferencing, Microsoft, Google	Y ☐ N ☐
Class Dojo https://www.classdojo.com/ Used by individual teachers	Class Dojo is a point reward system used by individual teachers to award points for correct behaviour in class.	First name, surname, year level, class name, username - determined by the user	Calfornia, USA	Blueshift, Google Single Sign On, SendGrid	Y ☐ N ☐

Additionally, the Department of Education has entered into contracts for a range of essential student education and administration software. The department has assessed the privacy impacts and data security controls as compliant with NSW privacy requirements and a list of that software is available at https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/privacy-information . At Macquarie Fields Public School this includes the following applications: Sentral, Microsoft Office 365 (including Minecraft Education, Google Workspace, Adobe Creative Cloud, Wushka and Zoom.

Please return this page with your consent or non-consent clearly marked to your child's classroom teacher or directly to the silver box in the wall outside of the administration block.

This consent remains effective until I advise the school otherwise in writing.

I acknowledge that my child must abide by the conditions of acceptable usage set out in the department's Student use of digital devices and online services and that any breach of this policy may, at the school's discretion, result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's behaviour policy.

Student full name: _____

Student class: _____

Parent/Carer full name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

Date of signing: _____