

Third Party Software Permission

Dear Parent/Guardian,

At MCSS we aim to use Internet based applications to expand the depth and scope of teaching and learning for all students and teachers. As part of this initiative, we are seeking your permission to use student information with third party Internet based providers.

The Internet based service providers our school wishes to register with are listed on the following pages. Registering with these providers requires that some personal information about a student in your care is divulged. This may include Student Name, Student Code, Year group and student email address. To ensure that we comply with the Commonwealth Privacy Act (1988) and the ACT Information Privacy Act (2014), we need your permission for the use of these sites. It's important that you understand the reasons that these websites collect this information, what will be done with it and who else may have access to it. For each of the websites that the school intends to use, we have included a link to the website's terms and conditions and/or privacy policy. Please read these and ensure that you understand the implications of using this service before giving your consent.

The use of Internet based learning resources and cloud-based storage has risen steadily over the last decade, and these are increasingly being used by teachers across education to improve student learning outcomes. Teachers make decisions about the best technology to meet the needs of their students. Sometimes it is beneficial for the student to utilise services provided by third party web-based providers. Types of services provided by these service providers include online content creation, collaborative tools, online educational games and various administrative programs for tracking student assessment data.

The Education and Training Directorate has also released a new Communities Online Policy (<https://index.det.act.gov.au/information/pdf/Communities-Online-Guidelines.pdf>). This document provides further information on the use of technology resources in schools in the present climate of new and improved digital accessibility.

The MCSS community is committed to providing a technology-rich environment for our students as we believe the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is fundamental in assisting teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum. To ensure your child has continued access to resources provided through the school network, your support in signing and completing the attached document (coloured final page) ASAP is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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WHOLE SCHOOL and ADMINISTRATION SOFTWARE

Name of Provider: ManageBac

Type of Service: Assessment and Reporting software used by the whole school to enable staff to enter details of assessment, collate data and produce reports for students.

Website: <http://managebac.com/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://managebac.com/terms>

Name of Provider: ACER

Type of Service: Testing software produced by the Australian Council for Educational Research, this allows students to do online testing and keep the data maintained to facilitate longitudinal comparisons, this will then inform decisions in relation to individuals' educational needs.

Website: <http://www.acer.edu.au/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://www.acer.edu.au/about/acer-privacy-policy>

Name of Provider: Timetabler

Type of Service: Timetabler is software used by the school administration for student elective selection, to develop the timetable and to manage staffing.

Website: <http://www.timetabling.com.au/>

Terms & Conditions Link:

<http://www.timetabling.com.au/products/thetimetabler/licenceagreement.aspx>

<http://www.timetabling.com.au/privacy.aspx>

Name of Provider: Web Preferences

Type of Service: Webpreferences is software used by the school administration for student elective selection

Website: <https://www.webpreferences.com.au>

Terms & Conditions Link:

<http://www.timetabling.com.au/products/thetimetabler/licenceagreement.aspx>

<http://www.timetabling.com.au/privacy.aspx>

Name of Provider: SOBS

Type of Service: An online booking and communication program. This offers a range of useful applications such as resource booking for staff, school calendar, school notices, parent / teacher bookings and subject selection.

Website: <http://www.sobs.com.au>

Terms & Conditions Link:

CONTENT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Name of Provider: Google Apps (GAFE)

Type of Service: GAFE is Google Apps for Education. Google is the host for a suite of applications available to educational institutions for use in school communities. The applications that are provided as core are email, calendar, documents (docs), slides, spread sheets, and forms. A range of other applications (apps) are available to load onto the user's account. It allows staff and students to create, share and collaborate in an online space where the school can monitor usage (as we do with our current network).

Website: <http://www.google.com.au/intx/en/enterprise/apps/education/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://www.google.com.au/intl/en/policies/>

Name of Provider: Schoology

Type of Service: Schoology is an online learning, classroom management, and social networking platform that allows learning through shared communication, collaboration, and increased access to curriculum and supplementary content.

Website: <https://www.schoology.com>

Terms & Conditions Link: <https://www.schoology.com/privacy.php>

Name of Provider: Survey Monkey

Type of Service: Allows staff to create and produce polls, surveys, questionnaires for use in class as a formative assessment tool, for student elective selections and / or gain feedback from students.

Website: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/mp/policy/>

SUBJECT SPECIFIC SOFTWARE

Name of Provider: Study Ladder

Type of Service: A web based program built by teachers to help students have fun while learning. Students and staff

register to access maths, science, literacy, NAPLAN (and more) fun and interactive lessons and resources.

Website: <https://www.studyladder.com.au/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <https://www.studyladder.com.au/about/terms>

Name of Provider: ACT Road Ready Test

Type of Service: Important for all students who think they are ready to take the final, actual test!

Website: <http://www.roadready.act.gov.au/c/roadready?a=da&did=1001321>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://www.roadready.act.gov.au/c/roadready?a=sp&pid=1362178755>

Name of Provider: Microsoft 365

Type of Service: Registration for this service is principally designed to allow all MCSS staff and students to access the Office 2013 software suite for free.

Website: <https://login.microsoftonline.com/>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://www.microsoft.com/privacystatement/en-us/core/default.aspx>

Name of Provider: Aust. Govt. Dept. of Industry - VET Skills Identifier

Type of Service: The Unique Student Identifier (USI) will allow an individual's USI account to be linked to the National Vocational Education and Training (VET) Data Collection allowing an individual to see all of their training results from all providers including all completed training units and qualifications.

Website: <http://www.usi.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx#>

Terms & Conditions Link: <http://www.usi.gov.au/Pages/privacy-policy.aspx>

Name of Provider: Student Pathways – Career and Transitions Record

Type of Service: The ACT Education and Training Directorate has developed a Careers and Transitions (CaT) website known as *Pathways* to support young people to reach their potential by engaging in planning for their future and providing them with a variety of useful career development activities to develop their future pathway.

Website: <https://pathways.act.edu.au>

Terms & Conditions: <https://pathways.act.edu.au/privacy-statement>

Contact Details: Transitions and Careers, ACT Education and Training on 6205 7044 or careers@act.gov.au

Name of Provider: Mathletics

Type of Service: Mathletics is an interactive Mathematics based website that is designed to engage students with targeted activities that are automatically diagnose and assessed.

Website: <http://www.mathletics.com.au/>

Terms & Conditions: <http://www.3plearning.com/privacy-policy/>

Name of Provider: Click View

Type of Service: ClickView Online is a cloud-based video content system which provides participating schools with rich curriculum-relevant video content. Students and teachers who are subscribed under our ETD ClickView Online service can access the platform from our Digital Backpack, available anywhere from any internet device using the same SchoolsNET username and password.

Website: <https://backpack.ed.act.edu.au>

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