

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Google Applications for Education (GAFE) is an invaluable service that emulates the structures and skills required for 21st Century learning. Bacchus Marsh Primary School is currently rolling out this system of applications to enhance student learning, and assist them in equipping themselves with essential skills for life.

Cybersafety is a priority for Bacchus Marsh Primary School, which links with our current student wellbeing policy. The GAFE applications are subject to the same level of supervision and security as any other school activity your child/children are currently required to participate in.

In the current global landscape, the ability to use digital technologies allows students to immerse themselves in the environments that exists in the modern world. With essential skills, such as communication and collaboration, students will be best placed to achieve success in their continued learning journey and beyond.

GOOGLE APPS FOR EDUCATION- PRIVACY INFORMATION AND CONSENT FORM

Bacchus Marsh Primary School uses Google Apps for Education in the classroom. Google Apps for Education is an internet based service provided by Google for educational purposes only. It provides students and teachers with access to online services such as email, calendar, blogging, online document storage (for school work), sharing, messaging and video-conferencing facilities from school, and at home. Google Apps for Education includes the following online services:

| Google Apps for Education ('online services') | |
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| 1. Classroom | 6. Sheets |
| 2. Gmail | 7. Slides |
| 3. Drive | 8. Sites |
| 4. Calendar | 9. Hangouts |
| 5. Docs | 10. Groups |

Terms and Conditions and privacy information can be found by clicking on the links below:
<https://www.google.com/edu/trust/index.html>
<https://support.google.com/work/answer/6056650>

Consent for Google to access specific personal information of your child

We seek your consent for your child to use the above stated Google Apps for Education online services. To enable your child to sign-on and access these services, Google require access to your child's Department of Education & Training username, first and last name, year level and school. If you do not provide consent, your child will not have access to the online services and alternate arrangements for allocating work will be made.

Parental access to Personal Information

The Department of Education and Training's ('Department') use and handling of your child's personal information is governed by the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014 & Health Records Act 2001(Victoria). You can access personal information held by the Department about you and your child under the Freedom of Information Act 1982 (Victoria). If a mistake in that personal information is identified, the Department is required to correct it under the Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014.

Google Apps for Education Terms and Conditions provides further information on how Google Apps for Education may use your child's personal information.

Providing a safe online environment

Use of online services will be subject to classroom supervision during school hours. Students are expected to report any unacceptable behaviour to their classroom teacher immediately. A nominated member of staff will then address the issue during school hours.

To further assist your child in having safe and positive experiences online, you can refer to parent information on the Australian Government's Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner website: <https://esafety.gov.au/>

In addition, staff at our school have been advised that the use of Google Apps for Education is strictly for teaching and learning material only (e.g. lesson plans and classwork) and staff do not upload your child's personal, sensitive, health; or security classified information into Google Apps for Education.

Student responsibilities when using online services

When using Google Apps for Education, students continue to be responsible for their behaviour as outlined in our school's Students Acceptable Use Agreement. The main themes of this agreement are:

- Communicate respectfully;
- Protect personal information; and
- Look after yourself and others.

Acknowledgement and Consent for student use of online services

By signing and returning this form you acknowledge, consent and confirm that:

- You have received and read this Privacy Information and Consent Form - Google Apps for Education.
- You understand how your child's personal information will be collected, used, disclosed and managed.
- You understand that this consent will continue while your child is involved in the use of the consented online services.
- You understand that this consent on behalf of your child may be withdrawn at any time by written notification to the school.
- You understand that if the school determines that the personal information is no longer required or relevant, the use of the personal information will cease.

Please fill in the consent form below and return to your child's classroom teacher ASAP. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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I have read the information about the online services and hereby consent for my child to access the Google Apps for Education online services:

Student Name _____ Year Level ____ Class ____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Carer Signature _____ Date __ / __ / __