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Dear Parents

## **CONSENT TO USE THIRD PARTY SOFTWARE**

Walcha Central 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.

As a school we are very particular about which programs we expose students to. Attached is a consent form seeking your approval to register your child to use certain software that we have chosen for their educational benefit.

**IT IS A DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REQUIREMENT THAT CONSENT IS GIVEN.**

**FAILURE TO RETURN THE SIGNED CONSENT FORM WILL PREVENT YOUR CHILD FROM USING THE BASIC ESSENTIAL LEARNING TOOLS AT SCHOOL.**

Once you grant permission to use these programs, permission continues to be ongoing unless you choose to revoke your permissions. If at any stage you would like to revoke this permission please contact the school.

If you require further clarification, you can contact Melanie Benson (IT Coordinator) on 6777 2777.

Yours sincerely

Amanda Cooper  
PRINCIPAL

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>.

Additionally, this year Walcha Central School will use the third-party software listed in the table below. Please indicate your consent for each application

SOFTWARE NAME	STUDENT INFORMATION CAPTURED	COUNTRY INFORMATION IS STORED	INFORMATION SHARED	YOUR CONSENT
<p><b>Essential Assessment</b> To assess children in Mathematics and Literacy <a href="https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/">https://www.essentialassessment.com.au/</a></p>	<p>First name, surname, academic testing, works, responses – online learning, academic results, year level, class name, school name username – determined by the user, identification number, teacher’s name</p>	<p>Australia</p>	<p>Vimeo</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>
<p><b>Canva for Education</b> Available on web and mobile, Canva is a design platform for creating graphics, presentations, posters and other visual content with a library of images, fonts, templates and illustrations. Canva for Education provides eligible school members free access to full features of Canva Pro version <a href="https://www.canva.com/education/">https://www.canva.com/education/</a></p>	<p>First name, surname, email address, works, image, video or audio recording, username – determined by the user</p>	<p>Offshore</p>	<p>This service utilises the following third part products to provide file upload and storage functionality; DropBox, Google Drive, OneDrive, Box, Hubspot and other cloud storage and file sharing platforms. This service integrates with learning management, social media and video sites, including Google for Education, WeChat, Twitter, Facebook, Tumberland Slack. PLEASE NOTE: Applications like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram etc are blocked for students from with the department’s network.</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N</p>

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<b>Microsoft Make Code</b> To learn to code and to code micro:bits <a href="https://makecode.microbit.org/">https://makecode.microbit.org/</a>	Name, email address, date of birth, teacher details, school details	Offshore – USA	Microsoft	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>Sphero</b> To learn to code and to code sphero <a href="https://edu.sphero.com/Sphero/home">https://edu.sphero.com/Sphero/home</a>	Name, email address, date of birth, teacher details, school details	Offshore – USA	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>Tynker</b> To develop coding, robotic and STEM skills. <a href="https://www.tynker.com/">https://www.tynker.com/</a>	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>Scratch</b> Scratch is a visual programming language that allows students to create their own interactive stories, games and animations. As students design Scratch projects, they learn to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively. <a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/">https://scratch.mit.edu/</a>	Email address (16 years or over), Username, Country, Birth month and year, Gender, Generated content by student.  Walcha Central School is choosing not to create accounts for students under 16 years of age.	USA	Consent to share your personal information may be presented as an “opt-in” prompt during registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N
<b>Class Dojo</b> To assist with Classroom Management <a href="https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/">https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/</a>	Walcha Central School does not create student accounts or parent accounts so the only student information it collects is student first name, surname and school name.	USA	Blueshift, SendGrid, SurveyMonkey	<input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N

**CONSENT TO USE THIRD-PARTY SOFTWARE**

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](https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471) [ <https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/pd-2020-0471>] 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** .....

**PARENT/CARER FULL NAME** .....

**PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE** .....

**DATE OF SIGNING** ..... / ..... / .....