30 April 2024

Dear Parents

PERMISSION TO USE GROK ACADEMY

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. To support student learning in the Year 8 Digital Technology classroom students will be accessing the Grok learning academy website.

To access this website students are required to register into an online classroom. Registration involves the classroom teacher or student entering identifying information such as name, school year, and the student's school email address into the software.

Below is a consent form seeking your approval to register your child to use this software. If you require further clarification, you can contact Melanie Benson (Digital Classroom Officer), or Fiona Munzenrieder (classroom teacher).

Please complete the attached form and return it to school as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

Fiona Munzenrieder   Ben Ussher   Adam Hall
TEACHER   HEAD TEACHER   ACTING PRINCIPAL

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Consent to use third-party software

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
Grok Learning and Grok Academy Online platform for learning programming and computational thinking skills. **https://https://groklearning.com/**	First name, Surname, Email address, Works, Gender, Responses - online learning, SAML identifies if SAML Single Sign On is uses, Year level, Class name, School name, Country or State/Province, Username - determined by the user	Australia	No data is shared.	☐ Y ☐ N

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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: .... / .... / ....