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## **Third-party software consent**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Peakhurst West 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) is fundamental in assisting teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum.

The school uses third-party providers offering web-based educational resources and cloud-based storage to support our administrative functions and enhance student learning outcomes. The department has a service agreement with some providers it has assessed as meeting privacy and security standards required of the department. The school offers students access to a number of services in addition to these.

In most instances, students are required to register before accessing an online service. Registration involves either a staff member or student entering identifying information such as name, grade, and email address onto the provider's platform. This and any other data entered in the course of accessing the application may be stored on servers located in Australia or off-shore in a country not subject to NSW privacy laws.

Your consent is required for your child's information to be provided to these third-party providers. Before giving your consent, it is important you understand what student information is collected, how it will be used and who may have access to it. The table below lists each of the third-party providers the school intends to use this year with a link to the website. If you require further clarification of these services you can contact the school office.

This year Peakhurst West Public School will be utilising the services of third-party online service providers to enhance student learning. The providers requiring access to student personal information are listed below.

Reading Eggs (K-2)

<https://readingeggs.com.au/>

Reading Eggs incorporates a wide variety of effective, research-based, learning activities within a highly motivational framework that help to keep students on task for longer periods of time. Through an interactive Web-based program, the design of Reading Eggs uses instructional elements that have been shown to be highly effective components of reading

programs as evidenced in the research literature. Reading eggs privacy information can be found on their website at <https://readingeggs.com.au/privacy/>

Seesaw

<https://web.seesaw.me/>

Seesaw is an American company and the majority of data is stored on servers in the USA. Amazon Web Servers actually host their data – they have very rigorous systems in place to protect data. Most especially they adhere to the principles of the Privacy Shield Framework (a US/EU agreement that protects EU data stored outside the USA). More information can be found at:

<https://help.seesaw.me/hc/en-us/articles/204472519-About-Data-Storage>

Peakhurst West Public School is seeking your consent for the department to provide your child's personal information (name and class) to access these online service providers and, where required, for your child to enter his/her personal information (name and class).

Please complete the consent below and return it to your child's class teacher by Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Consent to use third party web and cloud-based service providers

Student name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer names: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please circle the appropriate response)

Reading Eggs                  consent                  do not consent

Seesaw                          consent                  do not consent

This consent remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

In addition to the services listed above the school uses [name applications]. The department has entered into an enterprise agreement with each of these providers after assessing their privacy impacts and data security controls as compliant with NSW privacy requirements. Further information is available from the privacy information sheets available here.

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 result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's d



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Principal