



Google Apps for Education & Primary – Acceptable Use of ICT – Code of Practice for Students

Dear parent or guardian,

Turner School is committed to providing a technology rich environment for our students as our community believes the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) is fundamental in assisting teaching and learning in all areas of the school curriculum.

Google Apps for Education (GAFE) is a core suite of productivity applications that Google offers to schools and educational institutions for free. It is designed to provide opportunities for students to research and create in authentic contexts, collaborate, communicate, cloud based data storage as well as organisational tools such as calendars. It allows the opportunity for real-time feedback from both peers and the classroom teacher. Google Apps for Education can be accessed on any device both in the classroom and the home.

We have utilised Google Apps for Education in our 3/4 and 5/6 classes for a number of years and expanded this to a small introduction in 1/2 classes in 2020. Google Apps for Education is embedded in numerous public schools K-6 across the ACT. Our two closest public high schools, Lyneham High and Campbell High both use Google Apps for Education.

As part of the Google Apps for Education package, we will be provided with a new student email service. This email service is hosted on our SchoolsNET domain, enabling better security and oversight.

In order to provide the service, Google Apps for Education requires some personal information of students. That information will be stored in a location outside of the Education and Training Directorate; therefore we seek your consent to provide access to your child. The Student Privacy Information sheets can be found at <u>www.education.act.gov.au</u>, the sheets provide clear information on any student data that may be collected by these services, how the data is stored, used and deleted.

Should you choose to not give permission for your child to use Google Apps for Education your child will be in no way disadvantaged. Our teachers will always ensure that suitable alternatives are available.

Please consider the information carefully and return the note to the school's front office on Condamine Street as soon as possible. We are excited by the opportunities that adopting Google Apps for Education provides for Turner and look forward to continuing its use in our 2024 classrooms.

If you have any questions regarding Google Apps for Education or the use of digital technologies within our school, please don't hesitate to contact the school on 6142 2430.

Yours Sincerely,

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