Merrimac State School

2026 Student Third Party Web Based Software Consent

Dear Parent/Guardian,

The use of web based educational resources has risen steadily over the last decade and they are increasingly being used by teachers across Queensland to improve student learning outcomes. Education Queensland has outlined a policy to ensure parents and carers are informed about the storage of student data by Third Party Websites.

The school is required to utilise the Third-Party Web Based Software Consent form to ensure that parents and carers have access to the terms and conditions of data storage by the website providers. Registering with these providers requires student information to be disclosed. In the case of the services outlined below, they are private companies that are hosted onshore in Australia and/or outside of Australia. Outside of Australia means that data that is entered to register for these sites will be stored on servers that are not based in Australia and therefore are not bound by Queensland's privacy laws. Registration may include disclosing the following information about your student:

- Student Name,
- Student ID,
- Age,
- Year group,
- Class Teacher and
- Student email

Note: It is not compulsory for you to provide this consent – If you decide not to provide consent, this will not adversely affect academic achievement, or any relationships with teachers or the school.

Before you complete this consent form it is important that you understand the reasons that these websites collect this information, what will be done with it, who else may have access to it and where the data is stored. This information can be found in the hyperlinks below referring to each website's terms and conditions and/or privacy policy.

Please read these and ensure that you understand the implications of using this service before giving your consent. If you have any queries around the storage of student's information, please feel free to contact the school by phoning 55 691 555 or email admin@merrimacss.eq.edu.au. Please return signed consent form to the classroom teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Ben Edmunds
Principal

Privacy Notice

The Department of Education and Training is collecting your personal information on this form in order to obtain consent for disclosure of a student's personal information to facilitate registration and use of third party web based software identified on the form. The information will be used and disclosed by authorised school employees for the purposes outlined on the form.

Student personal information collected on this may also be used or disclosed to third parties where authorised or required by law. This information will be stored securely. If you wish to access or correct any of the personal student information on this form or discuss how it has been dealt with, please contact your student's school in the first instance.

Third Party Web Based Software and Service Provider/s used at Merrimac State School

Not all year levels will use all web-based software

Name of Provider: Seesaw (individual teachers) **Type of Service:** A digital portfolio that enables students to create, reflect on, and share their learning process in conjunction with teachers and family members. Teachers can share photos, videos, links and files in private messages to family members or announcements to the whole class**.** **Website:** http://seesaw.me **Terms of Use:** https://web.seesaw.me/terms-of-service **Privacy Policy:** https://web.seesaw.me/privacy **File Storage:** This website stores information outside the department's IT network. Seesaw contracts with Amazon Web Services (AWS) to provide data centre and server hosting services for Seesaw. While primary data storage is in the United States, temporary copies of data may be cached near the person requesting that data to improve performance. This information would not be covered by the department or government security policies.	**Name of Provider:** ClassDojo (Individual Teachers) **Type of Service:** The purpose of this website is to help teachers improve student behaviour and engagement while keeping parents and caregivers up to date re classroom matters. **Website:** http://www.classdojo.com **Terms of Use:** https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/terms **Privacy Policy:** https://www.classdojo.com/en-gb/privacy **File Storage:** This service stores information in the United States of America (USA). USA information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law
Name of Provider: Scratch (Digital Technology) **Type of Service:** The purpose of this website is to allow users to create stories, videos, animations or games via the 'Scratch' programing language. Users can leave comments in other users' projects and participate in discussions and forums. **Website:** http://scratch.mit.edu **Terms of Use:** https://scratch.mit.edu/terms_of_use **Privacy Policy:** https://scratch.mit.edu/privacy_policy **File Storage:** This service stores information in the United States of America (USA). USA information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law.	**Name of Provider:** Studyladder **Type of Service:** Studyladder is a web based online learning tool that includes Mathematics, English, Science, NAPLAN, theme based learning and Information & Communication Technology subjects for students. **Website:** https://www.studyladder.com.au **Terms of Use:** https://www.studyladder.com.au/about/terms **Privacy Policy:** https://www.studyladder.com.au/about/privacy **File Storage:** This service stores information in the United States of America (USA). USA information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law.
Name of Provider: Kahoot! **Type of Service:** Kahoot! is a game based learning platform. It provides the ability to create, discover, play and share fun learning quizzes, surveys and activities for any subject, in any language, on any device, for all ages. **Website:** https://Kahoot.it **Terms of Use:** https://kahoot.com/terms-and-conditions/ **Privacy Policy:** https://kahoot.com/privacy-policy **File Storage:** This service stores information Offshore (outside of Australia) Multiple locations – United States, Ireland, Norway. Information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law.	**Name of Provider:** Adobe Creative Cloud K – 12 **Type of Service: The purpose of this website is to provide students with the opportunity to access video editing and graphic design tools.** **Website:** https://www.adobe.com/creativecloud.html or http://creativecloud.adobe.com **Terms of Use:** https://www.adobe.com/au/legal/terms/enterprise-licensing/overview.html **Privacy Policy:** https://www.adobe.com/privacy/policy.html **File Storage:** This service stores some forms of information offshore (out of Australia). International information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law.
Name of Provider: Decodable Readers Australia **Type of Service:** Decodable Readers Australia provides an online reading platform for students, teachers and parents. **Website:** https://draonline.com.au/ **Terms of Use:** https://draonline.com.au/terms-and-conditions/ **Privacy Policy** https://draonline.com.au/privacy-policy **File Storage:**	**Name of Provider:** Epic! (Epic School - Educator version) **Type of Service:** Epic is a digital reading platform for students aged 12 and under **Website:** https://www.getepic.com/educators **Terms of Use:** https://www.getepic.com/tos **Privacy Policy:** https://www.getepic.com/privacy-educators **File Storage:** This service stores some forms of information offshore (out of Australia). International information privacy and protection laws differ substantially from Queensland and Australian law.
Name of Provider: Makers Empire **Type of Service:** 3D design and printing software for primary and middle schools featuring Makers Empire 3D design software app and Makers Empire online Teacher Dashboard and professional development. **Website: https://www.makersempire.com/** **Terms of Use: https://www.makersempire.com/legal-privacy** **Privacy Policy** https://www.makersempire.com/legal- privacy/ **File Storage:** This service stores or accesses information offshore (i.e., outside of Australia or New Zealand) introducing additional risks beyond those of Australian/New Zealand based providers.	**Name of Provider:** Blooket **Type of Service:** Blooket is a game-based learning platform that allows educators to create and host learning games and quizzes to review content taught in the classroom. **Website:** https://www.blooket.com/ **Terms of Use: https://www.blooket.com/terms** **Privacy Policy:** https://www.blooket.com/privacy **File Storage:** This service stores information offshore (i.e., outside of Australia) introducing additional risks beyond those of Australian based providers.

(Updated) Merrimac State School Student Third Party Web Based Software Consent Form 2026

Student Name			
Year Level		Class	

Please circle your consent preference for each web-based software program to indicate whether you agree to your child's information being shared with the provider for the provision of an educational service.

Seesaw	Consent	Do Not Consent
Class Dojo	Consent	Do Not Consent
Scratch	Consent	Do Not Consent
Studyladder	Consent	Do Not Consent
Kahoot!	Consent	Do Not Consent
Adobe Creative Cloud K-12	Consent	Do Not Consent
Decodable Readers Australia	Consent	Do Not Consent
Epic	Consent	Do Not Consent
Makers Empire	Consent	Do Not Consent
Blooket	Consent	Do Not Consent

As a parent or guardian of this student, I have read the terms of use and privacy policy of each of the websites listed.

Parent Name	Parent Signature	Date

I understand that where I have given consent, my student's personal information will be shared with the web-based software provider/s for the purpose of registration/s and use of the software and that this information may be stored outside of Australia.

Please return to your child's classroom teacher