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An Independent Public School

Transitioning to Connect as A Whole School Online Communication Tool

Dear Parent/Carers

Connect is to be implemented in our school as a whole school communication tool with **all** parents.

In the next few weeks we will be moving away from the SkoolBag App and use Connect. Connect is a secure learning support and communication platform developed and owned by the Department of Education WA. It is designed to be used by staff, students and parents/carers in public schools.

How parents/carers will access Connect.

Each parent/carer will be given their own secure login to Connect. Connect is totally free and, because it is provided by the Department of Education, very safe. It will also provide the same functionality as SkoolBag, just in a different format. As well as being able to log into Connect on any internet-connected device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone. A free app called *Connect Now* can be downloaded from Google Play or the Apple App Store and will let you receive Connect notices as push notifications.

When you log into the Bunbury Primary School's Connect you will be able to see:

- Whole school notifications;
- Individual year level notifications;
- Individual class notifications;
- A 'library' that will store notifications to refer back to; and,
- That you can register student absences with the school.

Year 5 and 6 teachers are already using Connect as a classroom communication tool for student work and individual parent/carer contact. Kindergarten through to Year 4 will still use Seesaw as an individual student/parent/carer communication tool.

If you have multiple children, you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools or are at primary and secondary school. If you already have a login, the program will automatically add your students to that "P" number.

You will be emailed with a unique username known as a P-number and a link to create your own password. **Creating your password means you are agreeing to the full usage terms and agreements of Connect** (see over). Attached is a copy of Connect Usage Agreements

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

Yours sincerely

Mr Shane Doherty

Principal

16 June, 2020

CONNECT USAGE AGREEMENTS

Terms and Conditions of Use

1. Only parents/carers or responsible persons as defined in the *School Education Act 1999* and verified by the school will be given access to Connect.
2. Any person/s signing up for the service understands his/her responsibility for keeping the service access details (username and password) confidential.
3. The Department of Education does not accept responsibility for any event arising from unauthorised access or use of Connect.

Limits of the Service

The Department of Education provides Connect as an online service for teachers, students, parents and Department staff. Connect is a communication channel that schools may use to communicate with parents/carers on matters impacting student education. The Department of Education does not undertake to provide all student-related information via Connect.

When using Connect, you are agreeing:

1. That the information contained in Connect is personal and private.
2. Not to interfere with network security, the data of another user, or attempt to log into the network with a user name and/or password of another user.
3. That if you become aware of unauthorised access to your parent account you will immediately inform the school.
4. To consent to the logging, monitoring, auditing and disclosure of your use of Connect.
5. That any breach of these conditions for which you are responsible will result in your access to Connect being suspended or revoked.