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Third-party software consent

Dear Parents/carers

Blackheath School is committed to providing a technology-rich environment for our students. Our school community considers the use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) to be 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 several 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 offshore 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 on the next page lists each of the third-party providers the school intends to use with a link to the website. Please note that not all students, in all grades or classes will be utilising these sites and applications. However, they may at some stage in their time at Blackheath Public School access these learning sites and applications.

Please return the permission slip on page 3 by Monday 20 March to ensure we can continue to utilise these apps or look at alternatives if permission is not granted.

Kind regards,

Kristin Hardge

Permission – third-party web and cloud-based service providers

This year Blackheath 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.

Service provider details	Services	Student Information Required
MultiLit eLibrary https://library.multilit.com/	The MultiLit eLibrary uses a browser-based platform, which enables reading of books on desktop computers or mobile devices (including smartphones and tablets).	Teachers name and email Student name Class name Student email address
Nessy https://www.nessy.com/en-gb	Structured literacy support for reading and spelling	Student name Date of Birth
epic! https://www.getepic.com/	Digital library of books. Engage every type of reader with Read-To-Me books, audiobooks, graphic novels and more.	Student name

Blackheath Public School is seeking your consent for the department to provide your child's personal information to access these online service providers and, where required, for your child to enter their personal information.

Please complete the consent form on the next page

Consent to use third party web and cloud-based services

Student name: _____

Parent/Carer name: _____

Parent/Carer signature: _____

(Please **circle** the appropriate response)

MultiLit eLibrary	Consent	Do not consent
Nessy	Consent	Do not consent
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This consent remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.

In addition to the services listed above the school uses Inquisitive, Mathletics, ClickView, Canva, Microsoft and Google. 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** <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/privacy-information>

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> and that any breach of this policy may result in disciplinary action in accordance with the school's disciplinary procedure.