Dear Parent/Carer,

Our school now provides access to the online services provided by the Department of Education. These increase the range of teaching tools available to staff and will enhance the opportunities available to students.

I am writing to you to seek approval for your child to be given access to these online services. This will involve the school using the student’s full name, preferred name, class and year to access their unique online services account.

The Department’s online services currently provide:

- individual email accounts for all students and staff;
- access to the internet, with all reasonable care taken by schools to monitor and control students’ access to web sites while at school;
- access to the online teaching and learning services such as webconferencing, digital resources and online learning activities;
- access to online file storage and sharing services; and
- access to Portal services from home if the home computer is connected to the Internet.

If you agree to your son or daughter making use of these online services, please complete the permission slip attached to this letter. You will also need to ensure that your son or daughter reads or understands the Acceptable Usage Agreement, also attached to this letter, before the permission slip is signed. Both signed documents should be returned to school so that an online services account can be created for your child.

Please note that while every reasonable effort is made by schools and the Department to prevent student exposure to inappropriate online content when using the Department’s Online Services, it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of such exposure.

You should also be aware that general Internet browsing by your child from home or locations other than school is not monitored or filtered by the Department since it is not conducted via the Department’s network and that you are responsible for supervision of your child’s use of the internet from home.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Harris
Principal

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