Edmodo and Wikispaces Online Classroom

Dear Parents and Carers,

5B has started using a program called Edmodo and Wikispaces in the classroom. Your child will access Edmodo and Wikispaces at school and may also choose to access it at home to ask questions or access school related materials. However, it is not compulsory that they access it at home. Edmodo is available online (www.edmodo.com) and also has a mobile and iPad app. Our class wikispace can be accessed online at www.wikispaces.com.

What is Edmodo and Wikispaces?

Edmodo and Wikispaces is an online networking platform for teachers and students. It is a safe and controlled environment appropriate for school use.

Why do we want to use an online classroom?

Edmodo and Wikispaces is a place where online learning conversations take place with the class about school and homework. It is a great way to stay connected and feel supported at both school and home. Students can ask me or the whole class any questions they might have about schoolwork or school related activities and I can answer them remotely. Students can also answer polls I have set up, quizzes or check homework I may have uploaded for them. They can even upload their own homework to me. I can also upload videos or helpful posts for them throughout the week. I feel Edmodo and Wikispaces will promote a safe and supportive online environment for our class, and will also teach students positive online ‘netiquette’.

Key features of Edmodo and Wikispaces:

- Each class is monitored and controlled by the teacher.
- Students need an access code or private email invitation to join the class.
- Anonymous posting is not possible.
- Teachers can delete posts.
- Students can only see their class members, not other students from any other classes.

Edmodo Parent Account:

If you wish to follow your child’s account to stay up to date with class activities and discussions, you can by signing up for your Parent Account on the website at any time. You can sign up for your Parent Account by following these steps:

1. Locate your child’s parent code. This can be found on the lower left side of their student account Homepage or I can provide you with the code.

2. Go to www.edmodo.com and click “I’m a Parent” (located below “I’m a Teacher”).
3. Enter the required registration information and you’ll then be logged into your Parent Account.

Once your account is created, Parent Accounts will give you a dashboard like view of your child’s activities but no actions or communication can be taken in this account. Note: with one single parent account you are able to add multiple children and will not need to create any other parent account moving forward! You can learn more about the Parent Account by going to the Help Centre at support.edmodo.com and clicking “I’m a Parent.”

Students’ use of Edmodo must comply with our school’s ICT usage policy and agreement that each family has read and signed at the beginning of each school year. Whilst your child’s class teacher is able to monitor all communication that takes place on Edmodo, we ask that parents monitor their child’s usage if used at home.

I look forward to a great year as we continue to incorporate the use of technology into our classroom curriculum. If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to come and see me, Mrs Duc.

Kind regards,

Mrs Anne Hewson
Principal

Mrs Jodi Duc
Year 5 OC Classroom Teacher

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I give permission for my child _________________________ of Class 5B to participate in the online learning classroom using Wikispaces and Edmodo.

I understand that it will be my responsibility to monitor my child’s online activity at home.

Parent Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________________