

### EDMODO in 5/6 2018

Dear Parents:

This year, the Grade 5 and Grade 6 students will be using Edmodo, a free and secure online learning platform where teachers and students can collaborate and share content. Within this private learning environment that is managed by the teacher, students can only interact with others in the class. Edmodo provides a safe and easy way to connect and support learning beyond the classroom.

According to the Victorian Curriculum, students in Grade Five and Six will use a range of communication tools to share ideas and information online and apply safe online practices. Edmodo provides a safe way to meet these learning standards.

A wellbeing focus at GIPS is cyber safety. We teach the students how to use ICT safely and appropriately. One of the major communication technologies that children deal with today is social media, such as Facebook. Facebook is restricted to people 13 years or older because younger children are still learning how to be cybersafe. With this in mind, the children need to learn how to be cybersafe and experience the use of social media in a safe and appropriate way. Edmodo looks like, and is used in a similar way to Facebook, so students will be explicitly taught how to use social media in a safe environment so that they are prepared for the future.

On Edmodo, students will be able to:

- Participate in class or group discussions that are monitored by the teacher (students cannot send private messages to other students)
- Communicate directly with the teacher to ask questions and get help with work
- Keep track of important due dates, events, and tasks
- Receive and turn in assignments and quizzes
- Access Edmodo from any computer or mobile device with Internet capabilities and receive notification reminders via email or text (optional)

You may also sign up for a parent account on Edmodo, which connects to your child's account. This is a great way to keep informed of due dates and assignments. You will need a parent code to create your account, which can be found in your child's account (on the right side, below the Notifications section). Parent accounts are not required but we recommend signing up for one to stay engaged with your child's learning experience.

In order for your child to use Edmodo, he or she must have your permission and you must read and agree to the Edmodo Terms of Service (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/terms-of-service>) on your child's behalf. You must also read and agree to the Edmodo Privacy Policy (<http://www.edmodo.com/corporate/privacy-policy>). Edmodo takes privacy seriously and has received the TRUSTe Children's Privacy Seal to verify this. The only information required from students to set up an Edmodo account is the teacher's class code, their name, and a username and password. Please review the Terms of Service and Privacy Policy with your child and note that these policies may change over time, so you should review them again when you or your child receives a notification that they have been updated.

We hope that your child will enjoy using Edmodo and gain beneficial skills this year. You can learn more about Edmodo by visiting [www.edmodo.com](http://www.edmodo.com). If you have any questions, please contact Amy Kopciewicz.

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## 5/6 EDMODO STUDENT AGREEMENT AND PERMISSION FORM



Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class: \_\_\_\_\_

By signing this form, I agree to use Edmodo appropriately by following the rules of Edmodo and the instructions of the teacher. I agree to be cybersafe by keeping my password private and by treating others with respect online.

Student's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I give consent for my child to use Edmodo for class activities.

Parent's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_