



## **Seesaw App**

Seesaw is an online tool used at Galungara Public School to capture student learning throughout the school year. It gives students a voice, makes their thinking visible and encourages self-reflection and ownership of their education. Seesaw empowers students to independently document what they are learning. This app supports the development capabilities in communication, collaboration, creative thinking, problem solving, digital literacy and citizenship. Furthermore, it strengthens the link between home and school and provides students with an authentic audience as parents are able to access the app to keep up to date with class events, activities and learning. Seesaw's platform allows families to celebrate their child's learning development, progress and achievements, as they occur.

Students will only begin to use Seesaw after written consent is received from the parent/carer. The frequency and content of students' work posted, will depend on year level and curriculum. Parents/carers will be able to see their child's work throughout the year and comment on their progress. At the end of the school year parents/carers will have a limited time to download a copy of their child's learning journal.

## **Parent Posting Expectations**

- Parents and Carers can like posts and comment on their child's learning
- Parents and Carers comments are to be approved by the teacher.
- Parents and Carers comments are to celebrate and acknowledge student learning.
- Parents and Carers are not to use the images/videos for any other use.
- Parents and Carers will use this platform to increase involvement in their child's learning.
- Parents and Carers are encouraged to ask questions that show interest in their child's learning, providing opportunities to reflect and connect together.
- Parents and Carers are encouraged to give positive feedback and praise. Examples of what this includes are praise or feedback for effort, progress, resilience, consistency, creativity and presentation.
- Parents and Carers are to use this platform only to support and celebrate student learning. Direct communication with teachers is to continue to take place through the school email or by calling the school and booking an appointment.

## **Seesaw Publishing and Privacy Information**

Student's information is stored on their individual digital portfolio. It can only be accessed at the school level by the teachers of each child and school administrators of Seesaw. When student work is approved by teachers; only the parents of that child can view this work. All information remains private and is not published for public viewing. Through the use of the Seesaw app, data is stored by Seesaw for our use and access. Data constitutes student name, class, work samples and/or photos/videos/voice recordings with work samples. Seesaw has a comprehensive security and privacy system, settings and policy. Their mission is to 'provide a service that keeps students safe, and puts teachers and parents in control of how student information is shared.'



## *A summary of Seesaw's Privacy Principles*

- We never sell your data or student data.
- We never advertise in Seesaw.
- We don't own the content you add to Seesaw.
- Student work is private to the classroom by default.
- We use the latest security industry best practices to protect you.
- We are transparent about our practices and will notify you if things change.
- We are compliant with FERPA, COPPA, GDPR, MFIPPA, and the Australian Privacy Act.

Information on Seesaw's privacy policy, storage of information and how Seesaw keeps information safe can be found on the Seesaw website <http://web.seesaw.me/privacy>

***Parent engagement in the educational development of their children improves attainment more than any other single factor. Parents can help their child most by having regular and meaningful conversations with them, by setting high aspirations and by demonstrating their own interest in and support of learning at home and at school.***

For your child to benefit from this wonderful educational opportunity please complete the form below and return it to your child's teacher. Information regarding how parents can access student portfolios will be sent home following the return of the consent form below. **If the following permission note is not returned to the school your child will not be permitted to use seesaw and families will not gain access to class posts.**

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Kind regards

T Anderson  
Principal



## Seesaw Permission

Please read each statement below and tick each box to accept permission for your child to use Seesaw.

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Print Child's Name

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Homebase

- I have read the Seesaw Publishing and Privacy Information and I understand that this signed permission note remains effective until I advise the school otherwise.
- I give permission for my child's information (name and class) to be forwarded to Seesaw, to allow their digital portfolio to be set up.
- I give permission for my child to use the Seesaw app at Galungara Public School.
- I consent for my child's work or photograph to be published on the Seesaw app.
- I understand that my child's work can only be viewed by my child's teacher(s), school administrators and myself, being the parent/carer of my child.

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of person signing: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

**OR**

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- No I do not give permission for my child to use the Seesaw app at Galungara Public School.

Parent/Carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Name of person signing: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to child \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED PAGE TO THE CLASS TEACHER by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April.**