

Stile

INFORMATION PACK FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education and Training (Department) and your school are using online learning services to support learning and teaching. This pack provides information on one of the online services, Stile and advice in relation to its safe and responsible use.



What information needs to be collected?

- Name, year level, home group and school.
- Student's Department username and password.



Why is this information needed?

- To control access to the online services.
- To prevent unauthorised access to student's work.



When could this information be accessed by others?

- By support staff to fix issues.
- Where required by law.
- Never for advertising or marketing purposes.

Stile is Australia's leading Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education resource for schools. Through partnering with Cosmos Magazine and the CSIRO, Stile has created a library of online, interactive science lessons for Years 5-10. These lessons collectively cover the Australian and Victorian Science Curriculum.

To provide these online learning services, the Department has subscribed to Stile's educational services, which enables access to the curriculum specific online and interactive science lessons.

The online services offered by Stile may be updated from time to time, but are only made available to students once they have been reviewed and approved by the Department.

For more details on Stile visit:

<https://stileeducation.com/>



What are the benefits of this service for students?

- Teaches students to be 'digital citizens' through the use of an online tool.
- Provides access to the interactive Science lessons.
- Facilitates student's understanding of STEM related subjects.
- Improves scientific literacy and prepares students for STEM-related jobs.

What information might students store in Stile?

- In addition to the information needed to provide access to Stile (student's username, password, name, year level, home group and school), student's schoolwork will also be stored in Stile.
- This may include photographs, audio, video recordings and non-classroom related information. Whilst this information is not required to use the service, students have the ability to store and share any content they wish on the platform. This could include information of a personal nature that may or may not be related to their studies.
- Student's data is stored in data centers located in New South Wales.

How can you help protect your student's information?

Whilst your school provides your student's Department username and password to Stile to enable them to access their own information on Stile, there are some things that you can do to help keep their information safe.

Remind them not to share passwords with anyone, as they cannot be sure how secure another person will be with their details.

Teachers will remind students to only use Stile for activities related to schoolwork.

Talk about appropriate uses of technology at school and at home. Remind them that anything uploaded to Stile can be viewed by teachers.

In rare cases, Stile's technical support team may have access to information stored in Stile.

Please note that Stile will never contact you or your child directly. If you or your child are contacted by anyone claiming to be Stile support, contact your school immediately.

✓ Example information students can safely put online

- Class presentation.
- Conversations about classwork/assignments.
- School related contact details.
- Class related media – i.e. videos, photos.
- Whiteboard notes.
- Emails between students on school work.

✗ Example information students should always be cautious of putting online

- Personal mobile or home phone number.
- Personal photographs and video clips unrelated to schoolwork.
- Other student's private information.
- Health information.
- Bank details.
- Home address.
- Information on racial or ethnic origin.
- Religious beliefs or other opinions.

ONLY complete the section below if you DO NOT want your child to have access to this online service.

Stile - Opt-Out Form

If upon considering the above information you have questions or concerns please contact your school. **You do not need to do anything** for your child to have access to this service.

Student Name:

Home room:

Date:

I **DO NOT** wish for my child to have access to Stile and understand that alternative arrangements for allocating work will be made.

Parent / Guardian Signature:

Parent / Guardian Name: