

## BRINGING PARENTS INTO CONNECT



Dear Parent / Guardian

I am pleased to announce that Connect is now being used in our school. Connect is an integrated online environment developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>

Connect is a secure online environment developed by the Department of Education for staff, students and parents in public schools. It will give our teachers a tool to deliver content to the students via an online classroom. This means your children will be able to share with you what they are learning about, submit assignments and discuss issues together online anywhere, anytime. For you, Connect provides easy access to information relevant to your child's classes and learning such as assessments, teacher feedback and attendance data.

Schools can use Connect to keep you updated with important information. Things like up-coming events, excursions, classroom activities, photos and stories can be sent to you via email or, if you prefer, via a push notification on your phone. Download Connect Now from the [Apple App Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Once your child commences their studies at Wellard Primary School, each parent will be given their own secure login. You will receive secure login information to Connect via the email address we have on file for you. If you have recently changed your email address please let us know by emailing [wellard.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:wellard.ps@education.wa.edu.au) or completing a SIS information update sheet with administration, so we can update our details.

Connect is totally free and, because it is provided by the Department of Education, very safe. As well as being able to login to Connect on any internet-enabled device, you may also receive notices from Connect that will be sent to you as either an email or a notification on your phone.

If you have multiple children you only need one login – even if your children attend different public schools.

When you login to Connect you will be able to see information specific to your own child/ren such as

- The School Space where you can be notified about school information and events
- The classes in which your children are engaged
- Class calendars
- Week by week attendance information
- Assessment Outlines information drawn from Reporting to Parents (secondary)
- Assessments and evidence for your own child
- Notices from your child's classes that automatically generate an email or phone notification to you
- Pre-primary to Year 6 Semester 1 and Semester 2 reports.

We hope that you enjoy the Connect experience and see it as an exciting new way for you to stay in touch with your child's school journey.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Miller'.

Mr Geoff Miller  
Principal

## Connect FAQs Sheet

- *Will you notify me when there's a message or notice in Connect?*

Yes. Currently when a teacher of your child/ren publishes a Notice an email is automatically sent to you letting you know a notice has been created. The message is included in the email, however if you wish to access the images or files that are attached or add a comment (if the teacher has encouraged you to respond), you will be required to log onto Connect. Alternatively you may download *Connect Now* (free) from Google Play or Apple App Store and receive any notices as notifications on your phone.
- *What if I don't really use email?*
- *Connect Now, a mobile app, enables all Connect parents to use their single sign on account details and stream all of the Notices and discussions in any of their child/ren's classes to their personal mobile device. The app is free and can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.*
- *Can I reply to messages?*

The teacher will sometimes invite you to respond to messages. When this happens a Comment button will be visible under the Connect Notice. You can respond either by logging in to Connect or through the *Connect Now* app.
- *Who else sees the class notices?*

Only students and parents attached to a teacher's class are able to access and read class notices.
- *What if I forget my login details?*

You are able to set verification questions to reset your own password or if you prefer contact the school if you forget your login details.
- *Where can I get more information?*
- Check out the short video clip on Connect at <https://vimeo.com/connectwa/welcome>
- Download the Connect flyers for you and your child from Connect.

Both parent and student flyers are available on the Connect landing page.