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Dear parents and carers,

Soon our students will be able to access EdChat to support their learning, we are writing to inform you of what you should expect as a result of this. You can then make an informed decision regarding your young person's use of this resource.

What is EdChat?

The Department for Education created EdChat, which is a secure generative artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, in partnership with Microsoft in 2023. It has since been developed further by trialling it with more than 2,500 educators and 10,000 students.

EdChat has features that make it safer and more suitable for students to use as compared to openly available AI chatbots (like ChatGPT and Claude). It's designed to:

- improve data security and privacy, as all prompts and responses are secured by the department and stored in Australia
- block inappropriate requests with a content filter
- prevent the generation of deepfakes or inappropriate images
- offer tailored content for public education in South Australia.

As AI is further integrated into society it is important that we teach our students how to use this tool safely. EdChat is designed to help students learn how to use AI safely and responsibly while building agency in their learning and supporting their engagement and understanding across subjects.

What EdChat isn't

EdChat is not designed to provide support with wellbeing matters, if your child needs support with their wellbeing encourage them to engage with a trusted adult or reach out to the school so we are able connect them to the support they may need.

While EdChat does know each student's name and year level (from their login), it will not learn from them or remember any personal details they may enter into it.



Can it be used at home?

Once EdChat access is enabled, it will be available to students 24/7, during the school year, to support their learning. It will be switched off across the December school holiday break.

EdChat has filters that block inappropriate or harmful content and while it is not actively monitored by a human in real time, any inappropriate or concerning use of the tool either during or outside of school hours, could be reported to our school the

following school day. This will enable us to make sure that we effectively support our students' wellbeing and ensure your child is using EdChat in the right way.

As always, you are encouraged to monitor your child's internet usage at home to ensure their online behaviours are safe and responsible.

More information

You can find more information about AI and EdChat on the Department for Education's public website, including what generative AI is and how you can help your child use AI for their learning:

- EdChat - the department's generative AI chatbot
- Artificial intelligence (AI) in schools - information for parents and carers

You can choose to opt out

You are provided with the opportunity to opt your child out of having access to EdChat. This can be done at any point. Before making this decision, we encourage you to contact your child's Learner Profile Development teacher to discuss any questions or concerns.

Opting out means your child's teacher may provide an alternative learning activity when EdChat is being used in class or for homework. Thank you for working with us to supporting our students, your children, in their learning.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. van Ruiten', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Anthony van Ruiten
Principal