



Department of Education YouTube Safe Access Pilot

Dear Parent/Caregiver

GyMEA Technology High School has agreed to participate in the NSW Department of Education's YouTube Safe Access Pilot program which will be delivered from Thursday 18 July until Week 10 of Term 3.

The purpose of the YouTube pilot is to determine how YouTube video content selected by classroom teachers can help with student learning and engagement. Results from the pilot would inform departmental decisions regarding the potential use of YouTube in NSW public schools.

Currently, the department's internet filtering currently permits unrestricted access to YouTube for Year 11 and 12 students and teachers only. YouTube is not accessible to Stage 4 and 5 students in NSW Department of Education Schools. This pilot is in response to teaching staff requesting ongoing access to selected YouTube content for all students.

YouTube safe access for students pilot

YouTube will be turned on for Year 7 - Year 10 students in schools participating in the pilot. In the pilot program, Year 7 - Year 10 students will be granted access to YouTube in what is referred to as the 'restricted mode'. When using restricted mode students will not be able to see public comments and age restricted content on YouTube. Only teacher approved unrestricted content will be visible to students.

To ensure the safe use of content accessed by all students, the pilot will be conducted on the school site in classrooms and overseen and managed by the Principal and classroom teachers supported by the Learning Design and Development Directorate, NSW DoE and Information and Technology Directorate, NSW DoE. All content viewed by the students will be purposefully selected by the classroom teachers and approved by the Executive for use.

Parent information

Currently, YouTube terms of service allow access to ages 13 years and over with parent permission. The department, as a subscriber to G Suite of Education, the provider of YouTube, seeks permission from parents and carers of children of all ages to access this service. This permission is required to meet the conditions in YouTube's Terms of Service.

To allow this pilot to proceed we require parents and caregivers to be informed and provide consent for their child to access YouTube at school. The findings from this pilot will inform decisions for the future access to student use of YouTube in NSW schools.

Please return this letter signed to the school if you **DO NOT** give permission to allow your child to access YouTube content at school by completing the section below.

If you have any questions about our participation in this pilot program, please contact Mrs Katherine Edwards in the Mathematics Staffroom on 9521 3244.

Sincerely,
Katherine Edwards
Head Teacher Mathematics



I _____ parent/carer of _____
do not allow my child to access YouTube at school for the purposes of the YouTube safe access pilot. I understand that the school will provide alternative work for my child at school to ensure continuity of learning.

Parent/carer signature

Date