



Grose View Public School

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Dear Parents/Carers

JUNIOR RANGERS – DOE CATALYST LAB AND NATIONAL PARKS & WILDLIFE SERVICES

Your child has been offered the opportunity to be involved in the Junior Rangers pilot program run by NSW National Parks and Wildlife Service NSW (NPWS). During class this term, Stage 3 will participate in an exciting NSW Department of Education project called 'Edumap'. It is an applied learning pedagogical model and digital platform which focuses on the use of an applied learning approach to the curriculum.

The Junior Rangers program will give all Stage 3 students an opportunity to conduct field work within the school environment and develop a revegetation plan for the school. Towards the end of term it is anticipated that all students across the school will be involved in a tree planting day. At various intervals throughout the term NPWS, teachers and external experts and contractors will deliver fun, engaging outdoor hands education to encourage deeper understandings and connections with their local natural environment.

To enable the Catalyst Lab project team to develop this platform, and to understand how this approach impacts student learning, we will be gathering student work samples, assessment results, and student feedback. We may also collect photographs of students engaged in activities.

The information gathered may include your child's first name, age, class, samples of classwork and information collected during learning experiences such as photographs, sound and visual recordings, and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media. Photos may also be used on the Edumap platform which will be accessed by NSW Department Education school teachers.

The collected information will be shared with the Edumap project team, which comprises NSW public school teachers and project staff employed by NSW Department of Education. The combined results from all participating schools (de-identified) will be included in reports about the project that may be shared with Executive members of the NSW DoE for the purpose of making decisions about the future of Edumap and education in NSW.

Please sign and return the attached Model Release form by Monday 10 August 2020. If I can provide any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Tamara Hopkins
Assistant Principal