



## INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Department of Education and Training (Department) has recently provided all Victorian government schools with access to Minecraft: Education Edition to support transformative teaching and learning.

### What is Minecraft: Education Edition?

Minecraft: Education Edition is a rich, open collaboration and learning platform that supports curriculum-based learning while encouraging students to think for themselves and collaborate with peers to transform their learning.



### What are the benefits for using Minecraft: Education Edition?

- Builds skills around particular subject such as science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), history, geography or coding.
- Supports students to engage in virtual learning experiences that directly link and expand on the subjects being taught in the classroom.
- Teaches students to be 'digital citizens' through the use of an online system where they need to work together to solve problems.
- Promotes creativity, problem solving and critical thinking.
- Allows students to actively collaborate with their classmates on school work.
- Helps students build working relationships with each other.
- Promotes knowledge sharing as students guide each other on how to perform tasks.
- The Chemistry Update allows students to experiment with chemical reactions safely.
- Portfolios and cameras in Minecraft: Education Edition allows students to provide evidence of their learning for assessment.

### How is this different to my child playing Minecraft at home?

- The Education Edition of Minecraft has been specifically created to be used in educational settings. A clear learning objective is required for successful experiences in Minecraft: Education Edition.
- Access to the game is teacher-led with teachers having access to additional functionality that allows them to control the world - including locking down areas and the ability to move student avatars.

### How is my child safe while playing Minecraft: Education Edition?

- Access to Minecraft: Education Edition is through the Student's Department username and password.
- The Department has conducted a Privacy Impact Assessment on O 365 which covers usage of Minecraft: Education Edition.
- Outside server access has been completely removed from the game, ensuring that the connections students can make in Minecraft: Education Edition are only with their own class or school.

### Where can I find further information?

If you have any concerns, please talk to your school to discuss how they plan to use Minecraft: Education Edition.

The **Minecraft: Education Edition FUSE page** provides information to support Victorian schools to effectively use Minecraft: Education Edition in their learning and teaching: <https://fuse.education.vic.gov.au/pages/minecrafteducationedition>