

# Privacy Information Statement – G Suite for Education

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## What is a Privacy Information Statement?

When a digital service or application is utilised as part of the teaching and learning curriculum, we require your consent to allow collection, use and disclosure of your child's personal information including when data is transferred and held in cloud-based storage offshore, outside Australia. The following Privacy Information Statement provides information about the application to allow informed consent to be provided.

## What is G Suite for Education?

G Suite for Education is a cloud-based productivity suite for schools from Google. It delivers a Google Classroom, which allows students and educators to collaborate and easily create, share, and edit files in real time. Cloud technology gives a consistent experience from any computer, tablet, or phone.

## What data is collected?

Administrators from the Northern Territory Department of Education set up user accounts with a student username, email address and password.

G Suite may also collect further information that is at a student's discretion to input, for example, phone number, language, gender.

Text, calendar entries, video, sound, or multimedia data uploaded by the student is also collected.

## How is the data used?

G Suite for Education has indicated that data is only collected for the purpose of which the service is intended. They do not use or sell the data for advertising purposes.

No personal data is used, disclosed, or shared with third parties unless the user has consented, or they have been compelled to do so by law.

Google does not assume ownership of any data and students have the right to access and apply for correction of their personal information. Please contact your school to apply.

G Suite for Education also collects data by way of user logs, for example, activity, location, devices, in order to provide the service and improve their systems.

## Is the data secure?

Google is committed to the security and privacy of user data and has signed the Student Privacy Pledge introduced by the Future of Privacy Forum and the Software and Information Industry Association.

Google data centres run custom hardened operating systems and file systems optimising security and performance. Including encrypting all data whilst it's on the move from the user's computer to their data centres.

Physical access to the Google data centres and personnel access of users' data is only on an as needs basis and subject to strict oversight and approval process.

## When is the data deleted?

Upon deletion of the users account by the departmental administrator, all user data is completely deleted from Google data centres and backups after 180 days, unless Google is compelled by law to store it.

## Where is the data?

Google holds the data in their data centres located in the United States of America and Europe.

## Further Information

[http://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/gsuite\\_for\\_education\\_privacy\\_security.pdf](http://services.google.com/fh/files/misc/gsuite_for_education_privacy_security.pdf)

[https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education\\_privacy.html](https://gsuite.google.com/terms/education_privacy.html)

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## Education privacy information:

[Department of Education Privacy Policy](#)

For further information on the *Northern Territory Information Act* and *Information Privacy Principles*:

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