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PARENTAL CONSENT FORM – HIGH AND EXTREME RISK

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY & DESIGN

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child has chosen a subject where:

1. **Successful completion requires them to undertake HIGH or EXTREME risk activities and,**
2. **Students need to be instructed in the use of HIGH or EXTREME risk pieces of equipment, machinery or substances.**

To ensure the quality of safety education in the Industrial Technology & Design Department (ITD) at Warwick State High School, we have implemented Workplace Health and Safety procedures that are linked closely to those used in industrial settings. **One requirement of our risk management strategy is obtaining parental consent before students participate in activities with a HIGH or EXTREME risk of serious or permanent injury.**

Students only perform these HIGH or EXTREME risk activities or use this equipment under the supervision of specialist ITD teachers. Before undertaking these activities or using this equipment, students are taught the safe operating procedures and safe work methods. They are given a practical demonstration of correct use, and the first time they attempt a process or use a piece of equipment they are directly supervised by the teacher. Students are never permitted to work unsupervised.

HIGH risk activities/equipment include machinery, tools, equipment that pose some chance of serious injury/incident requiring medical treatment. Examples include:

- Drill press
- Bandsaw (wood)
- Bench grinder
- Biscuit joiner
- Staple gun
- Router/Trimmer
- Plasma cutter
- Jig saw
- Lathe (wood, metal)
- Cold saw
- Spot welder
- Morticing machine
- Welders (MMAW, MIG, TIG)
- Oxy acetylene equipment

EXTREME risk activities/equipment include machinery, tools, equipment that pose a high chance of serious debilitating injury/incident:

- Angle grinder
- Drop saw/compound mitre saw
- Metal bandsaw
- Table saw
- Pneumatic nail gun
- Radial arm saw
- Router table
- Thicknesser

Subjects where students will regularly undertake **HIGH** or **EXTREME** risk activities include:

HIGH risk only (Years 9 and 10)

- Construction (DCX)
- Engineering (DEX)

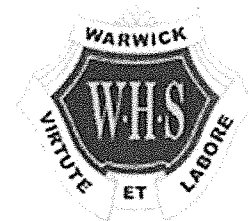
HIGH and **EXTREME** risk (Years 11 and 12)

- Engineering Skills
- Furnishing Skills
- Industrial Technology Skills

When guardian consent is not given students may have to reconsider their subject choice and join another subject where they can participate in the full range of learning and assessment activities throughout the year.

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We may restrict students from participating in activities or in the use of equipment when they:

- do not demonstrate appropriate behaviour and maturity
- do not adhere to PPE policies (Apron, hairnet, safety glasses, appropriate footwear, hearing protection)
- do not participate effectively in class (e.g. not engaged with teacher instruction/demonstration)
- do not follow safe operating procedures or safe work methods

In this situation restrictions and consequences will be enacted on a case by case basis.

Activity Risks & Insurance

Please note that the Department of Education and Training does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident while participating in these activities, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may be also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.

Please fill in and return the consent form attached. If you would like any further information please contact Wayne Hoger (Head of Department –Technology) on (07) 4666 9222.

Yours sincerely,

Joy Craig
Principal

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COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO YOUR CLASS TEACHER

Due Date: End of Week 3, Term 1.

I understand my student is undertaking at least one ITD subject where they are required to perform work that Education Queensland has determined to have a **HIGH** or **EXTREME** risk of injury.

I **DO / DO NOT** give permission for my child _____ to participate in ITD activities with a **HIGH** or **EXTREME** risk. (full name)

Parent / Guardian name (please print): _____

Parent / Guardian signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

ADDITIONAL MEDICAL INFORMATION

Teachers consider the medical information known to the school when planning their classes. Please take this opportunity to inform us of any medical conditions you feel may specifically affect your child during ITD lessons. An individual student's medical condition may affect the determination of a **HIGH** or **EXTREME** risk for activities.

Condition: _____

Effect: _____

Condition: _____

Effect: _____

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