Blog Permission Form

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We have created a Real Life Adventures blog that we are planning to use in conjunction with the expeditions. A blog, or “blog,” is a fully functional web site that is simple to create and can be updated directly from a web browser. The blog can be accessed through the school’s website or by going directly to: http://bhpsrla.blogspot.com.au

This blog is a valuable teaching tool that engages every student in the writing process, fosters collaboration, and allows the students to both reflect on their own experience and react to the writing of others. The opportunity to publish online is a powerful motivator for students because it gives them a voice, an audience, and the chance to get immediate feedback. We intend to use this blog as a platform for a variety of writing exercises. Each student will contribute to the blog after each expedition by responding to prompts, sharing ideas and resources, and reflecting on the learning.

Like any other web site, a blog is accessible to anyone searching the Internet; however, we want to stress that your child’s privacy will be maintained. Only first names will be used, and no other references to any student’s identity or other personal information will be permitted. We will oversee all student blog contributions, and will exercise administrative access privileges whenever necessary.

We are excited about using this as an opportunity for students to practice and refine their communication skills. Before your child can contribute to the blog, we will need to receive the signed permission form below.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

Chris Rhyder & Peter Le Ray
(Real Life Adventurers)
Terms and Conditions of the Real Life Adventures blog

All students and participants in this blog must agree to the terms and conditions of this agreement.

No student or participant is to hide their identity; they must display their first name only.

The teacher, Chris Rhyder, will make every reasonable effort to monitor conduct on the blog in order to maintain a positive learning community. All participants will respect each other’s time and efforts by supporting the same positive approach.

No student or other participant may include any information or images on the site that could compromise the safety of thyself or other blog members. Avoid specific comments about our location or schedules, if they would be visible to outsiders. Don’t share what you did on the weekend or holidays etc. if it’s not appropriate.

All participants will be respectful in their postings and edits. No trash-talk, inappropriate language, personal insults, profanity, spam, racist, sexist or discriminatory remarks, or threatening comments will be tolerated.

No student or other participant may comment on the site in violation of these terms and conditions.

All participants must protect their log-in and password information. If participants suspect that a password has been compromised, he/she must notify the teacher immediately.

No participant may share his/her log-in information or protected information about the site with anyone who is not a participant. This includes adding trackbacks or other means by which outsiders can access the site without permission.

Any participant who is aware of violations of this agreement by others must report these violations to the teacher immediately both verbally and in writing (email or note).

All use of the blog must be in accordance with the school’s ICT Acceptable Use Policy, including entries made from computers outside of school.

Uncited use of copyrighted material in wiki postings, files, or comments will be deemed as plagiarism and punished accordingly.

No posting may facilitate or promote illegal activity, either overtly or by implication.

Consequences of violating the Terms and Conditions
Any violation of the above terms and conditions shall make the violator subject to immediate termination from the blog. At the teacher’s discretion, a warning may be given in the case of minor infractions.

Signatures
I agree to the terms and conditions of the Real Life Adventures blog.

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Student signature          Date

I permit my child to participate in the blog. I have read through the terms and conditions with my child and agree to adhere to them.
I understand my child requires a Google account to register for this blog.
I give permission for the teacher in charge to give my child the password to their account.

☐ Yes  ☐ No

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Parent signature          Date