

# Swanonline

## Parent Member Agreement

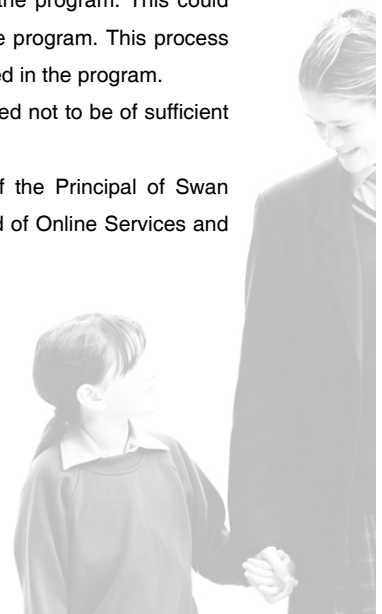
### Preamble

Swanonline is operated by the Swan Christian College on behalf of the Swan Christian Education Association to provide flexible learning students with a sound academic education within a framework of Christian values and practices. The Swanonline Portal and Flexible Learning Centre are intended to be safe places where students will be free from bullying, coercion and intimidation, including online. Students will be valued and encouraged to become a vital part of the community as they learn and grow to the best of their abilities. Students will be encouraged to be assertive and comfortable in interacting with their peers and teachers while respecting the rights and roles of all those who make up the virtual school community. For the program to be effective it is essential that the relationship between parent and teacher be based on a shared view of what is best for the student.

Teaching, like parenting, is not an easy task. It also calls for love, commitment, enthusiasm, dedication, understanding, optimism and lots of patience and energy. Sometimes it is difficult for parents to discuss their concerns with a teacher and often the teacher finds it just as difficult to meet with the parents. The school believes that each student is important and that the parents have the ultimate responsibility to God for their child. For this reason it is important that teachers and parents share their concerns and aspirations and work to create a partnership to achieve what is best for the student.

### Agreement

1. I have read the Introduction to the Association and agree to abide by the Controversial Issues Clause.
2. I undertake to support and uphold the principles, practices and educational policies of the school. In particular I undertake to:
  - a. Work co-operatively with the teachers while maintaining the responsibility for the student's education.
  - b. Discuss with the teacher and/or the Head of Online Services at the earliest opportunity any concerns that may arise.
  - c. Accept the discipline policy of the College.
3. I accept that the following conditions apply to flexible learning:
  - a. Parents need to accept overall responsibility for the educational outcomes of their students on the program.
  - b. Parents are expected to proactively manage their student's learning in the program.
  - c. Students will be subjected to ongoing skills testing to ascertain their suitability for the program. This could lead to adjustments in the student's individual program, including exclusion from the program. This process will be at the discretion of the Principal, Head of Online Services and teachers involved in the program.
  - d. Students who do not cope with the demands of the program or whose work is deemed not to be of sufficient standard may be excluded from the program.
  - e. Students may be excluded from the flexible learning program at the discretion of the Principal of Swan Christian College should they fail to comply with the directives of the Principal, Head of Online Services and teachers employed in the program.



4. I understand that ongoing disruptive or abusive behaviour by a student has a damaging impact on other students and will not be tolerated. I understand that the College Principal has the authority to suspend and/or expel any student.
5. I agree to uphold and support the efforts of Swanonline to maintain high academic standards by providing a place at home for my child(ren) to study and giving my child encouragement in the completion of flexible learning assignments.
6. I agree to supervise and enforce reasonable safety measures as part of all activities covered in Swanonline courses.
7. I accept the following disclaimer of liability:  
  
Some activities may be potentially hazardous and I agree to ensure responsible adult supervision, and enforce all reasonable safety precautions at all times when conducting practical activities. I agree that Swanonline, Swan Christian College and Swan Christian Education Association assumes no legal liability or responsibility for any damage caused to persons or property as a result of completing activities or using information contained in the enrolled course(s).
8. I understand that when a monthly figure is given for tuition fees it applies to every month in the year, ie. 12 payments.
9. I agree to discuss with the Business Manager any change of circumstances which alters my ability to pay tuition fees as agreed.
10. I understand that as a Parent Member I am not eligible to elect or stand for election to the College Council.
11. I agree to give the SCEA Office and Head of Online Services at least one term's notice of intention to withdraw a child from the school or to give advice of the possibility of such an event. I understand that if a child is withdrawn without one term's notice I may be liable for the next term's fees.
12. I agree that in the event of a grievance I will follow the Association's dispute resolution procedure and abide by the outcome.

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*(Original to Swanonline office and a copy to the parent(s) and SCEA office.)*

