

## MEDIA RELEASE

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## The game-changing solution that saves schools tens of thousands of dollars

Every parent, teacher and school administrator knows the pain of paper forms. Permission slips, lunch orders, surveys, consents, detention notices - K-12 schools, kinders and ELC's use paper forms for hundreds of activities and tasks every year - the average school sends 30 or more paper forms home for each student in a year.

These traditional paper-based processes are quite simply broken and not appropriate in today's world, where accountability, risk management and statutory compliance are critical issues for school leaders globally.

The failure points are many: paper forms lead to easy forgery and incorrect information transcription and mean sometimes highly sensitive and personal information about children is literally floating around without any control or protection.

Paper forms are an enormous cost and labour drain for schools whose budgets are already stretched to breaking. Paper, copying, distribution, the endless inevitable chasing of non-returned forms and the collating and reporting of thousands upon thousands of pieces of information - presuming you can read the handwritten returns - are all a waste of staff time and money.

The laws vary, but in general schools are required to retain the returned forms for seven years or more - for some that means stacks of mouldy archive boxes in the shed down the back of the school bicycle racks. So when the lawyers come knocking and ask to see a specific form from a couple of years ago many schools are at loss - and potentially placed at jeopardy in any legal proceedings.

Melbourne-based ParentPaperwork replaces all the paper forms K-12 schools, kinders and ELC's send to parents, and moves them to a secure cloud-based online platform, with every form for every student available at a mouse click.

Hundreds of schools in seven countries now use ParentPaperwork to send online forms to their parents, and capture and report the responses - and see huge savings in time and money and improvements in liability management as a result.

Today ParentPaperwork is announcing the launch of its most important new feature in twelve months - sending online forms to Students. Sports registrations, subject electives selection, school council elections, student surveys; and prefect voting - all can now be handled via ParentPaperwork.

ParentPaperwork's CEO Ms Fiona Boyd says:

"With the launch of our new forms to Students functionality I can confidently say ParentPaperwork is easily the most comprehensive, fully featured administration data capture, management and reporting platform for K-12 schools, kinders and ELC's in the world. And it's all built and managed right here in Melbourne, Australia, with customers as far afield as the Czech Republic, Canada and Portugal."

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