

Parental Permission for Student Edge Blogging Program

Student Edge was founded in 2003 by four students – Damien Langley, Simon Loader, Jeremy Chetty and Craig Chetty. As students they knew student life wasn't always easy, and they aimed to make it easier by providing students with a discount card to help them save money.

This year, in addition to the discounts students know and love, Student Edge has launched a new, state-of-the-art website for students. We want this site to be by students, for students – a place where students can read what other students have to say about saving money, finding a job, choosing a career path, having fun in their spare time, studying for exams and dealing with the issues students face in their day-to-day life.

At the centre of this program is our student blogger initiative. Students who join this program can be involved in a number of ways, from taking photos to making videos, managing social networking to writing blogs. Their level of commitment can be as little as writing a blog once a month or as much as taking on a leadership role to learn more about media. By signing up for the program, they will receive an email once a week with information and opportunities to write. They are also welcome to share their ideas with us by emailing, calling or dropping into the office. We check to make sure all ideas are appropriate before we allow students to go ahead and we proof all blogs before posting them to the website.

Additionally, we will hold monthly meetings for bloggers – a fun chance for students to meet other engaged students, get creative and learn more about blogging and media. As an added incentive to participate, bloggers will have access to prizes and special events. All workshops run by Student Edge will be supervised by Student Edge staff who have a Working With Children clearance. Other special events, such as movie screenings and concerts, are not run by Student Edge. So, while we will have tickets available to bloggers, it is left to their parents to determine the level of supervision required.

As a final note, Student Edge is actively engaged with the Department of Education, secondary schools, TAFEs and Universities throughout WA. We work closely with them to provide the best possible resource for our student members.

If your son or daughter is under 18, they need parental permission to participate in the program.

I, _____, give permission for my son/daughter
_____ to participate in Student Edge's blogger program, to receive communication from Student Edge about the program and to attend workshops and other events.

Permission forms, questions and feedback can be sent to Megan Smith, our student coordinator: megan.smith@studentedge.com.au, faxed to 08 9381 5177, mailed to PO Box 944; West Perth, WA 6872, or dropped off at our office at 460 Roberts Road, Subiaco.