



Waimate High School

2021

Responsible ICT Use Agreement

This document is comprised of this cover page and three sections:

Section A: Introduction

Section B: Cyber safety Rules for Waimate High Students

Section C: Cyber safety Use Agreement Form

Instructions

1. Students and parents*/caregivers/legal guardians please read and discuss all sections carefully.
2. Parents and students sign section C and return that page to the school office.
3. Please keep sections A and B for future reference.
4. If you have any questions about this agreement please contact the school.

*** The term 'parent' used throughout this document also refers to legal guardians and caregivers.**

Important terms used in this document:

- The abbreviation 'ICT' in this document refers to the term 'Information and Communication Technologies'
- 'Cyber safety' refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones
- 'School ICT' refers to the school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers, and other school ICT equipment/devices as outlined in (d) below
- The term 'ICT equipment/devices' used in this document, includes but is not limited to, computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video, digital, webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), and any other, similar, technologies as they come into use
- 'Objectionable' in this agreement means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty, or violence in such a manner that it is likely to be injurious to the good of students or incompatible with a school environment. This is intended to be inclusive of the definition used in the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993.

Additional information can be found on NetSafe's website www.netsafe.org.nz/ua

SECTION A

Introduction

The measures to ensure the cyber safety of Waimate High School outlined in this document are based on our core values.

The school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices bring great benefits to the teaching and learning programmes at Waimate High School, and to the effective operation of the school.

Our school has rigorous cyber safety practices in place, which include cyber safety use agreements for all school staff and students.

The overall goal of the school in this matter is to create and maintain a cyber safety culture which is in keeping with the values of the school, and legislative and professional obligations. This use agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cyber safety breaches which undermine the safety of the school environment.

All students will be issued with this use agreement and once signed consent has been returned to school, students will be able to use the school ICT equipment/devices.

The school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices are for educational purposes appropriate to the school environment. This applies to school owned ICT devices used inside or outside of school, and personally owned ICT devices used inside school and during school activities.

SECTION B

Rules to help keep Waimate High School Students Cyber Safe

As a safe and responsible user of ICT I will help keep myself and other people safe by following these rules:

1. I cannot use school ICT equipment until my parent and I have read and signed my use agreement form (see Section C) and returned it to school.
2. If I have my own username, I will log on only with that username. I will not allow anyone else to use my username.
3. I will not tell anyone else my password.
4. While at school or a school-related activity, I will not have any involvement with any ICT material or activity which might put myself or anyone else at risk (e.g. bullying or harassing).
5. I understand that I must not at any time use ICT to upset, offend, harass, threaten or in any way harm anyone connected to the school or the school itself, even if it is meant as a joke.
6. I understand that the rules in this use agreement also apply to mobile phones and BYOD's (Bring your own Device). I will only use my mobile phone(s)/BYOD at the times that I am permitted to during the school day.
7. I understand that I can only use the Internet at school when a teacher gives permission.
8. While at school, I will not:
 - a. Access, or attempt to access, inappropriate, age restricted, or objectionable material
 - b. Download, save or distribute such material by copying, storing, printing or showing it to other people
 - c. Make any attempt to get around or bypass security, monitoring and filtering that is in place at school
9. If I accidentally access inappropriate material, I will:
 - a. Not show others
 - b. Turn off the screen or minimise the window and
 - c. Report the incident to a teacher immediately.
10. I understand that I must not download any files such as music, videos, games or programmes without the permission of a teacher. This makes sure the school complies with the Copyright Act 1994. I also understand that anyone who infringes copyright may be personally liable under this law.



11. I understand that these rules apply to any privately owned ICT equipment/device (such as a laptop, mobile phone, USB drive) I bring to school or a school-related activity. Any images or material on such equipment/devices must be appropriate to the school environment.
 12. I will not connect any device (such as a USB drive, camera or phone) to, or attempt to run any software on school ICT without a teacher's permission. This includes all wireless technologies.
 13. I will ask a teacher's permission before giving out any personal information (including photos) online about myself or any other person. I will also get permission from any other person involved. Personal information includes name, address, email address, phone numbers, and photos.
 14. I will respect all ICT systems in use at school and treat all ICT equipment/devices with care. This includes:
 - a. Not intentionally disrupting the smooth running of any school ICT systems.
 - b. Following all school cyber safety rules, and not joining in if other students choose to be irresponsible.
 - c. Not attempting to hack or gain unauthorised access to any system
 - d. Be responsible with ICT
 - e. Reporting any breakages/damage to a staff member.
 15. I understand that the school may monitor traffic and material sent and received using the school's ICT network. The school may use filtering and/or monitoring software to restrict access to certain sites and data, including email.
 16. I understand that the school may audit its computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices or commission an independent forensic audit. Auditing of the above items may include any stored content, and all aspects of their use, including email.
 17. I understand that if I break these rules, the school may inform my parent(s). In serious cases the school may take disciplinary action against me. I also understand that my family may be charged for repair costs. If illegal material or activities are involved, it may be necessary for the school to inform the police.
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Chromebook/Laptop Pledge

Your Chromebook/Laptop is an expensive piece of electronic equipment & you should take great care with it.

18. I will take good care of the assigned Chromebook and know that I will be using it in the classroom.
19. I will never leave the assigned Chromebook unattended in an unsecured or unsupervised location.
20. I will never loan out the assigned Chromebook to other individuals.
21. I will know where the assigned Chromebook is at all times.
22. I will keep food and beverages away from the assigned Chromebook.
23. I will not disassemble any part of the assigned Chromebook or attempt any repairs.
24. I will protect the assigned Chromebook by always carrying it in a secure manner to avoid damage.
25. I will endeavour to bring my BYOD Chromebook to school charged every day, and I understand that I may not be able to do my school work if I do not have a charged Chromebook. This school work will need to be made-up at a later date.
26. I will use the assigned Chromebook in ways that are appropriate for education.
27. I will not place decorations (stickers, markers, writing, etc.) on my assigned Chromebook.
28. If the assigned Chromebook appears to be broken or fails to work properly, I will immediately notify the Mrs Bailey in the Library or her representative.
29. I will take my assigned Chromebook home only if I have permission to do so, otherwise I agree to return the Chromebook in good working condition to the library at the end of each day.
30. I will never leave my BYOD Chromebook in an unlocked car, even for a few minutes and even in a locked car, I will keep my Chromebook out of sight.
31. I understand that I am responsible for any loss or damage of my assigned Chromebook.
32. I understand that the assigned Chromebook insurance does not cover negligence, abuse or malicious damage and if the Chromebook insurance claim has an excess fee then this fee is payable by the student.



SECTION C

Waimate High School Cyber Safety Use Agreement Form

To the student and parent/legal guardian/caregiver, please:

1. **Read this page carefully** to check that you understand your responsibilities under this agreement
2. **Sign the appropriate section on this form**
3. **Detach and return this form to the school office**
4. **Keep the document for future reference**, as well as the copy of this signed page which the school will provide.

We understand that Waimate High School will:

- Do its best to keep the school cyber safe, by maintaining an effective cyber safety programme. This includes working to restrict access to inappropriate, harmful or illegal material on the Internet or school ICT equipment/devices at school or at school-related activities, and enforcing the cyber safety rules and requirements detailed in use agreements
- Keep a copy of this signed use agreement form on file
- Respond appropriately to any breaches of the use agreements
- Provide members of the school community with cyber safety education designed to complement and support the use agreement initiative
- Welcome enquiries from students or parents about cyber safety issues.

Section for student

My responsibilities include:

- I will read this cyber safety use agreement carefully
- I will follow the cyber safety rules and instructions whenever I use the school's ICT
- I will also follow the cyber safety rules whenever I use privately-owned ICT on the school site or at any school-related activity, regardless of its location
- I will avoid any involvement with material or activities which could put at risk my own safety, or the privacy, safety or security of the school or other members of the school community
- I will take proper care of school ICT. I know that if I have been involved in the damage, loss or theft of ICT equipment/devices, my family may have responsibility for the cost of repairs or replacement
- I will keep this document somewhere safe so I can refer to it in the future
- I will ask the school if I am not sure about anything to do with this agreement.

I have read and understood my responsibilities and agree to abide by this cyber safety use agreement. I know that if I breach this use agreement there may be serious consequences.

Name of student:

Form class:

Signature:

Date:

Section for parent/legal guardian/caregiver

My responsibilities include:

- I will read this cyber safety use agreement carefully and discuss it with my child so we both have a clear understanding of their role in the school's work to maintain a cyber safe environment
- I will ensure this use agreement is signed by my child and by me, and returned to the school
- I will encourage my child to follow the cyber safety rules and instructions
- I will contact the school if there is any aspect of this use agreement I would like to discuss.

I have read this cyber safety use agreement document and am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cyber safe learning environment, including my child's responsibilities.

Name of parent:

Signature:

Date:

Please note: This agreement for your child will remain in force as long as he/she is enrolled at this school. If it becomes necessary to add/amend any information or rule, parents will be advised in writing.