



Whangaroa College Computing / Cyber Safety Student Use Agreement

I understand that:

- I cannot use the Internet at school without signing and handing in this Use Agreement.
- Computers and other communication technology equipment that belongs to Whangaroa College are intended for educational purposes. Any other communication technology equipment that I use within the school environment (e.g. mobile phone) will be used in accordance with the school regulations.
- All internet information is filtered by Watchdog. However, all material which is inappropriate, (e.g. legal pornography), dangerous, (e.g. bomb designs), or illegal (e.g. child pornography or stolen credit card numbers) may not be picked up by the filter. It is therefore **each student's responsibility** not to initiate access to such material, to distribute such material by copying, storing or printing, or have any involvement with such activity.
- When using the email facilities at school, it may not be possible for the school to monitor or filter all messages; it is therefore **each student's responsibility** to ensure that any electronic correspondence will not cause offence or be otherwise inappropriate.
- The school will view seriously involvement in any incident in which communication technologies are used to facilitate misconduct e.g. harassment, bullying, plagiarism, exam cheating etc.
- The school reserves the right to check at any time, work or data related to communication technologies in the school environment.

I will take care of information technology resources, including:

- I will not damage computer equipment or furniture and will use the resources with due care.
- I will not attempt to breach copyright (e.g. by illegally copying software).
- I will not bring software from home to use on a Whangaroa College computer without written permission from the teacher in charge of the computer department.
- I will not plagiarise by illegally copying text without referencing the source.

I will be considerate to other users, including:

- I will not monopolise equipment.
- I will not waste computer resources (e.g. unnecessary printing). I will gain permission from my teacher to print.
- I will not intentionally disrupt the smooth running of any computer or the school's network.
- I will not scan or display graphics, record or play sounds, or type messages that could cause offence to others.
- I will not access chat rooms or other social networks in class time unless directed to by a teacher as part of a teaching and learning program.
- If I accidentally encounter inappropriate, dangerous or illegal material I will immediately remove it from the screen/turn off the screen and notify a supervising teacher without disclosing the material to any other student.

I will respect the need for privacy and security, including:

- I will not reveal home addresses or phone numbers, mine or anyone else's, in cyberspace.
- I will use storage media such as disks and flash drives only in accordance with the school regulations.
- I will not attempt to upload or create computer viruses or be involved with other forms of electronic vandalism.
- I will immediately report any cyber safety problems to a class teacher or Head of Department.

I accept that:

Breaching this agreement (or any involvement in such a breach) may result in my access to the Computing and Communication Technology resources at Whangaroa College being withdrawn, which could make me ineligible to continue studying a particular subject. I also understand it could result in disciplinary action by the School.

*(Please return the **Student Use Agreement** to the school office after it has been signed and retain the contract pages (1st page).*



Whangaroa College

Computing / Cyber Safety

Student Use Agreement

Student:

I understand and will abide by the conditions and rules as set out in the school's Computing / Cyber Safety Use Agreement. I further understand that there may be consequences (including the possible loss of access and even disciplinary action) if I should commit any breach of these conditions.

Name: _____ Whanau: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parents or Guardian:

General use of computing/communication technology resources:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I have read the Computing / Cyber safety Use Agreement. I believe my child has read the document and understands his/her obligations. I understand that the computer/communication technology resources at Whangaroa College are designed for educational purposes and that any breach of the rules and conditions as set out in this agreement can lead to loss of privileges or disciplinary action. I understand if my child steals or damages equipment this could result in a bill for the cost of replacement or repairs. I also understand this agreement applies to communication technologies my child brings into the school environment.

Access to cyberspace:

As the parent or guardian of this student, I understand that it is may not be possible for the school to fully restrict exposure to inappropriate material in cyberspace, accessed through such means as the Internet, email or text messaging. I also understand that while the school will take appropriate measures to limit access to illegal, dangerous or inappropriate material, ultimately it is each student's responsibility not to initiate access to, or have any involvement with, such material.

I hereby give my permission for _____ to be given access to computing and communication technologies such as the Internet.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Guardian Signature