



Whakatāne High School

Student Cybersafety Use Agreement

All Whakatāne High School students are empowered to become positive digital citizens.

Digital citizenship combines the confident use of:

- **Skills and strategies** to access technology to communicate, connect, collaborate, and create
- **Attitudes, underpinned by values** that support personal integrity and positive connection with others
- **Understanding and knowledge of the digital environments and contexts** in which they are working, and how they integrate on/offline spaces

And then, critically, for students to have the ability to **draw on this competency of "digital fluency"** to participate in life-enhancing opportunities (social, economic, cultural, civil) and achieve their goals in ways that make an important difference.

[NetSafe](#)

Netsafe are a source of useful information for staying safe online. They have published a booklet through their website, in association with Facebook, Google, Yahoo, Twitter, Microsoft and Trade Me, about how to protect users' privacy.

Download or print a copy today: [Staying Safe Online: Cybersafety tips from NZ's leading online companies \(PDF\)](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Staying-Safe-Online-NZ.pdf)
<http://www.netsafe.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Staying-Safe-Online-NZ.pdf>.

To the student and the primary caregiver:

1. Please read this agreement carefully, to ensure that you understand your responsibilities – if you would like further information on Whakatāne High School's cybersafety policy, please see the enrolment section of our website www.whakatanehigh.school.nz/enrolments
2. Sign the appropriate section on this form and return with your enrolment

We understand that Whakatāne High School will:

- Keep the school cybersafe by maintaining an effective cybersafety 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 cybersafety regulations and responsibilities detailed in the 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 cybersafety education designed to complement and support the use agreement initiative
- Welcome enquiries from students or parents about cybersafety issues

Student responsibilities include:

- **I will read** this Student Cybersafety Use Agreement document carefully
- **I will follow** the cybersafety rules and instructions whenever I use the school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other school ICT equipment/devices, and mobile phone
- **I will adhere** to the age limit rules and appropriate behaviour and integrity expectations on all websites
- **I will also follow** the cybersafety rules whenever I am involved with BYOD and ICT devices/equipment 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, wellbeing, safety, or security of the school or other members of the school community
- **I agree not** to use VPNs (Virtual Private Networks) or any other means of circumventing the school's internet management and network safety protocols, or cause damage or harm to the school's ICT systems.

Please turn over for signing

- **I will ask** permission from students, staff and anyone on the school grounds before taking, using or posting images or videos. I will comply with the school's cybersafety rules relating to the use of images and videos at all times
- **I will take proper care** of computers and other school ICT equipment/devices. 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 ask** the relevant staff member 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 Cybersafety Use Agreement. I know that if I breach this use agreement, there may be serious consequences.

Name of student: _____ **Year Level:** _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Primary Caregiver's responsibilities include:

- **I will read** this Student Cybersafety Use Agreement document carefully and discuss it with my son/daughter so we both have a clear understanding of my son's/daughter's role in the school's work to maintain a cybersafe environment
- **I will ensure** this use agreement is understood and signed by my son/daughter and by me, and returned to the school
- **I will contact** the school if there is any aspect of this use agreement I would like to discuss
- **I will endeavour** to attend cybersafety and digital citizenship informational events provided by the school

I have read this Cybersafety Use Agreement document and am aware of the school's initiatives to maintain a cybersafe learning environment, including the responsibilities involved.

Name of Primary Caregiver: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Google Blogger:

I/we authorise _____ to use Google Blogger (a blogging tool) as part of their learning tools, in the event that they are not aged 13 years old when the tool is required.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____