

## Waikowhai Intermediate School Acceptable Internet & ICT Use Agreement

Information and communications technologies and the internet are increasingly important resources for students learning. They provide access to a vast amount of information and opportunities to interact and work with students, schools and people in different geographic areas.

The content of many of the available resources on the internet is beyond the school's control.

It is important that students and parents/caregivers are aware that some of the material available via the internet is inappropriate and of the responsibilities students have when using the information and communications technologies facilities and resources at the school.

As responsible members of the Waikowhai Intermediate School community, all students are expected to follow the agreed guidelines.

### **All Students Using the Information and Communications Technologies Facilities and Resources at Waikowhai Intermediate School will:**

1. Use the internet for a specific education purpose that is part of a class or school programme.
2. Exercise good judgment when visiting sites. Sites visited will be relevant to the topic of study and research. Some sites contain inappropriate material, students will not visit these sites intentionally. If students visit a site and find it contains inappropriate material they will leave it immediately.
3. Always check sources, as information that can be found on the internet is not guaranteed to be accurate or true.
4. Never access, have in their possession, or use restricted files, including copyrighted, obscene, pornographic, offensive, violent, dangerous, illegal and discriminatory files. Music files are usually copyrighted, wrestling sites are classified as violent, some material from television programmes is offensive. Computer games, including those that can be accessed on the internet, must not be run or stored on the Network.
5. Be polite and use appropriate language in on-line communications. Be careful not to make statements or inferences that may offend people of other cultures and beliefs. Not send or display offensive messages, pictures, or material of any kind.
6. Ensure personal privacy by not supplying names, addresses or telephone numbers.
7. Respect the privacy and property of others and never change any application or file belonging to another person.
8. Respect all security provisions on the school's computer network and information and communications technologies facilities, and never attempt to gain access to any part of the Network they do not have the right to.
9. Use their time on computers, information and communications technologies facilities and resources and the internet wisely.
10. Always report any misuse of the school's information and communications technologies facilities or resources.
11. No student shall upload any school image and apply it to any file on the internet.

The consequences of not following the guidelines in this Agreement could include:

- restricted information and communications technologies facilities and resources and/or internet access;
- loss of information and communications technologies facilities and resources and/or internet access

## **PLEASE COMPLETE EITHER SECTION A OR SECTION B AND RETURN THIS FORM TO SCHOOL**

### **Section A**

I/We have read the Waikowhai Intermediate Internet Use Agreement.

I/We agree to the terms and **GIVE PERMISSION** for (name) \_\_\_\_\_ to use the internet.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Caregiver

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Student

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### **Section B**

I/We have read the Waikowhai Intermediate Internet Use Agreement.

I/We DO NOT give permission for (name) \_\_\_\_\_ to use the internet.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Caregiver