

Student Cyber Safety Information

Introduction

Te Ao Mārama School believes in a Digital Citizenship model for supporting safe and responsible use of the internet in teaching and learning. An important part of this is that we are able to show others what that responsible use looks like while we are using technology in our learning.

We actively encourage our students to be competent and confident in the use of digital technology; and aware of and able to manage the challenges and issues that go with it. These issues include safety of themselves and others, privacy, copyright, and protection of digital devices and equipment. In short, to be digital citizens. We think a good digital citizen is someone who;

- is a confident and capable user of digital technologies
- will use digital technologies for learning as well as other activities
- will think carefully about whether the information they see online is true
- will be able to speak the language of digital technologies
- understands that they may experience problems when using technology but can deal with them
- will always use digital technologies to communicate with others in positive ways
- will be honest and fair in all of their actions using digital technologies
- will always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online
- will help other to become a better digital citizen

Because we know this is important for us all, we ask everyone, the staff, students and volunteers working at the school to agree to use the internet and other technologies in a safe and responsible way by following the rules laid out in a Responsible Use Agreement like this one.

If someone cannot agree to act responsibly, or the things that they do mean that other people are being harmed, then we might stop them from using the internet or other technology at school.

Responsible Use Agreement

Students and caregivers from Year 4 to 6 will be asked to sign our [eLearning Responsible Use Agreement](#). This document is based on the work of [NetSafe](#) an independent and not for profit organisation that provides resources and advice for schools, organisations and families. The agreement incorporates Te Ao Mārama's School values of curiosity, confidence, collaboration, creativity and community-minded. A copy of the agreement will be sent home for you to discuss with your child, sign and return to your child's whanau teacher.