



Belmont School Student Digital Citizenship Responsible Use Agreement

BELMONT SCHOOL STUDENT USER AGREEMENT OVERVIEW

Digital technologies are tools that can help us learn at school in all sorts of ways. Some of these ways include looking at interesting things online, talking to people, creating music and media, gathering new ideas, and learning how to use tools.

When we use digital technologies and online spaces it's important that we learn ways to keep ourselves safe, and that we make positive choices in ways we behave when we are online. At Belmont School we call this being a 'digital citizen' and good digital citizens help to make our school a safe and positive place for everyone.

This agreement shares what Belmont School does to help make learning online safe, and what we need to do. We know it is not always easy to understand everything about online spaces. It can be complicated at times, and sometimes things can go wrong. This is why it's important that we commit to making it as safe as possible to use digital tools and online spaces for learning.

BELMONT SCHOOL'S ROLE

Belmont School supports you by helping you learn in the best ways we can, and keeping you safe at school whether you are online or offline.

We will do this by:

- helping you to know what you need to do to keep safe online
- helping you to know what to do if you are worried or upset by anything or anyone online
- making sure we have learning times at school where you can find out more about keeping safe online and safe ways to use your device or computers

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

As a student of Belmont School and also part of our community, we ask you to help make our school a place that is safe, friendly, and fair. This means taking our school values and acting on these whether you're online, or offline, and help to make our school a positive place to learn, connect and play. This is being a 'digital citizen'.

As a digital citizen, you will:

- **Keep it kind.** When you are online, think about others and talk or share in a kind way.
- **Keep it to yourself.** Keep your passwords and information about yourself or other people safe and private.
- **Keep it careful.** Think carefully about what you share and make sure it's something you are proud of and would be happy sharing with someone else face to face.
- **Keep it real.** Not everything you see online is real. It might look or sound real, but some things are made up or fake, so be careful to check or ask a teacher if you're not sure.
- **Keep it honest.** When we copy or use words, pictures and ideas from the internet, we need to make sure we share these things in the right way and follow the rules for sharing things that don't belong to us.
- **Keep it fair.** Make sure you check with others if it is okay to record them, or share photos or videos with them in it. They should have a say in what happens to things that go online if they are in them.
- **Use personal devices sensibly.** Personal devices are not to be used during the school day. They need to be handed to the teacher when you arrive at school and collected at the end of the day.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG ONLINE

Even when people try to do the right thing, sometimes things go wrong. If you or somebody you know does something online that isn't okay maybe by accident or on purpose, your teachers will help you to sort it out. If you see things online that make you feel worried or upset, your teachers will help you sort it out. The important thing is to tell a teacher or another adult you trust.

Online bullying. Online bullying is not okay at our school at any time. If somebody is saying mean or hurtful things about you or somebody else online, talk to a teacher or trusted adult. They will help you with what to do. Don't delete or hide the messages or pictures because these are important to show what has been happening. Turn your screen off and then go tell a teacher or trusted adult.

Report a problem. If you see something online that you don't think should be there, tell a teacher or a trusted adult at school as soon as you can. This is really helpful, and means we get to fix the problem quickly. The school will look and see how to fix it, and take away the problem.

Online safety support. Netsafe helps people to be safe online. They can help you or your family if you are having problems online. They have free, private help for you and your family for any online safety problems, and they are there to help seven days a week. You can get hold of them on the phone 058638723, or their website at netsafe.org.nz

STUDENT STATEMENT

I know about the ways I should use digital devices and online spaces at school for learning. I know that I should be kind, careful and responsible when I use devices, and when I go online, and this is the same for the devices that school owns, or if it is my own device that I bring to school.

I know that if I behave in ways that are not safe online, or kind or responsible, that this is not okay at Belmont School. There may be some actions that my school might have to take.

I understand and agree to use digital technology and the internet at school safely and for learning, whether it is on a school device or one I have brought from home.

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____

PARENT / WHĀNAU / GUARDIAN DECLARATION

I know that if my child makes choices or behaves in ways that don't align with this Student User Agreement there may be consequences or outcomes that the school will talk about with me.

Signed _____ Name _____ Date _____