

# Cybersafety at Mission Heights Junior College

## **CYBERSAFETY USE AGREEMENT FOR PARENTS**

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**This document is comprised of this cover page and three sections:**

**Section A: Cybersafety Initiatives and Rules**

**Section B: Important Parent Obligations**

**Section C: Parent Cybersafety Use Agreement Form**

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### **Instructions for parent**

- Please read the entire document carefully.
- If any clarification is required, it should be discussed with the ICT manager or the principal before the document is signed. Additional background information on use agreements can be found on the NetSafe website [www.netsafe.org.nz/ua](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/ua)

#### ***Important terms used in this document:***

- (a) *The abbreviation 'ICT' in this document refers to the term 'Information and Communication Technologies'*
- (b) *'Cybersafety' refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones*
- (c) *'School ICT' refers to the school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers, and other school ICT equipment/devices as outlined in (d) below*
- (d) *The term 'ICT equipment/devices' used in this document, includes but is not limited to; computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video, digital, webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), and any other, similar, technologies as they come into use*
- (e) *'Objectionable' in this agreement means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty, or violence in such a manner that it is likely to be injurious to the good of students or incompatible with a school environment. This is intended to be inclusive of the definition used in the Films, Videos and Publications Classification Act 1993.*

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## SECTION A

### *CYBERSAFETY INITIATIVES AND RULES*

The overall goal of the school in this matter is to create and maintain a cybersafety culture which is in keeping with the values of the school and also fulfil its legislative and professional obligations. This use agreement includes information about your obligations, responsibilities, and the nature of possible consequences associated with cybersafety breaches which undermine the safety of the school environment.

All staff, students and volunteers, *whether or not* they make use of the school's computer network, Internet access facilities, computers and other ICT equipment/devices in the school environment, will be issued with a use agreement.

Parents and guardians are required to read these pages carefully, and return the signed use agreement form in Section C.

## SECTION B

### *IMPORTANT PARENT OBLIGATIONS*

I understand that Mission Heights Junior College is supporting students as they learn the skills required to become successful digital citizens. Our school defines a digital citizen as someone who

- is a confident and capable user of ICT
- uses technologies to participate in educational, cultural, and economic activities
- uses and develops critical thinking skills in cyberspace
- is literate in the language, symbols, and texts of digital technologies
- is aware of ICT challenges and can manage them effectively
- uses ICT to relate to others in positive, meaningful ways
- demonstrates honesty and integrity in their use of ICT
- respects the concepts of privacy and freedom of speech in a digital world
- contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship

I understand that the school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies (for the time your child is at school throughout the day) because it believes that they enhance the teaching and learning process.

I understand that the school encourages responsible behaviour by students when using technology to help protect themselves and each other from experiencing harm online. I am aware that my child's Cybersafety User Agreement is part of that, and that it encourages students to consider how their actions can affect themselves and those around them.

I have read the student Cybersafety User Agreement and have talked with my child about what it means to them, especially with regards to usernames and passwords. I am confident that my child understands what this means, and that he or she is capable of working within the guidelines.

I am aware that students make poor choices when using technology, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage these mistakes effectively.

I understand that by learning to deal with poor choices in a safe environment with the appropriate support, they will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

I understand Mission Heights Junior College is unable to supply technical services for student owned devices and I will be responsible for the repair of any malfunctioning or damaged devices. This includes insuring your device with an appropriate provider.

I understand that the school cannot take responsibility for incidents involving students who display poor conduct on social media sites and which may be harmful to other students. As these actions may affect relationships at school, we appreciate knowledge of the behaviour; however, the school cannot be expected to impose sanctions in this regard unless the school's ICT equipment and/or email address has been used. The school urges you to exercise strict control over your child's use of Digital Technology and of social media sites in particular.

If I have questions or concerns about the way in which technology is being used by my child at school, I know the school is happy to discuss this with me, and I am aware that I am welcome to approach the school at any time.

## ***PARENT CYBERSAFETY USER AGREEMENT FORM***

Please complete, sign, and date this Parent User Agreement Form which confirms your agreement to follow the obligations and responsibilities outlined in this document. The key obligations and responsibilities are for you to reinforce with your child that :-

- All ICT use must be appropriate to the school environment
- Passwords must be kept confidential

If you have any queries about the agreement, you are encouraged to discuss them before you sign. Once signed, this form will be retained by the school.

### **Use agreement**

**I have read and am aware of the obligations and responsibilities outlined in this parent Cybersafety User Agreement document. These obligations and responsibilities relate to the cybersafety of the school community and the school environment.**

**I also understand that breaches of this Cybersafety User Agreement will be investigated and could result in further action, and where required, referral to law enforcement.**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_