

Birchville School Information and Communication Technology

Expectations

Technology is just a tool. In terms of getting the kids working together and motivating them, the teacher is the most important.

- Bill Gates

At Birchville School we realise that the world we live in is changing at an incredible rate and that technology has a significant role to play in the lives of our children. We feel it is important that our children are provided with opportunities to use technology in ways that foster both creativity and knowledge whilst at the same time explicitly teaching them to be digitally savvy. We feel it is our responsibility, along with family and whānau, to ensure our kids are aware of the issues and responsibilities that they will be exposed to when participating in online communities. Cyber-safety and Digital Citizenship are key parts of our vision for our learners.

We also feel that our students need a balance of tools, opportunities and experiences. Sometimes the use of technology may be the best way to solve a problem or create something new and sometimes it may not be. We want our students to be active, motivated and engaged in their learning and just as excited by reading a book, kicking a ball or painting a picture as they may be using the latest App. While we value the incredible power technology brings to the classroom we are acutely aware of providing a rich, vibrant curriculum with holistic approaches that cater for all learning styles and individual learners.

Also attached is the **Responsible Digital User Agreement** which must be signed before your child / children can use the schools ICT equipment.



Discuss and promote Digital Citizenship and the links to technology in our lives.

Use ICT to engage, motivate, model, explain, access information, teach and learn.

Try new things. Open to new learning. Use the knowledge and skills of others.

Use ICT to seek solutions to problems and /or create new solutions

Provide opportunities for students to use ICT to promote and enhance learning.

Use ICT to share and interact with others both inside and outside of the classroom.

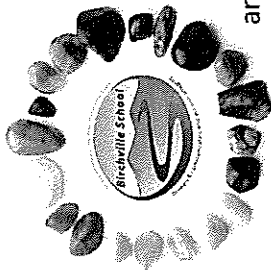
At Birchville School we...

21st Century Education @ Birchville School

PREPARE OUR CHILDREN FOR THE FUTURE

DEVELOP A POSITIVE SCHOOL CULTURE





CONNECT WITH, ENGAGE AND SUPPORT THE LOCAL COMMUNITY



Birchville School Responsible Digital User Agreement

Our Expectations for a **Responsible Digital User** are built around the concepts of effective teaching and learning, cyber-safety and awareness, digital problem solving, copyright and law, and participating and contributing positively in digital environments.

Our Expectations of a **Responsible Digital User**:

			
When using ICT at Birchville School I will...			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use ICT primarily as a learning tool Think carefully about whether the information I see online is true and verify it if needed Learn about the many ways to find, record, view and present information and ideas Use ICT to grow, track and share my progress and learning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Always use ICT to communicate with others in positive, meaningful ways Always respect people's privacy and freedom of speech online Talk to a teacher or my parents if I have any problems or concerns around using technology at home or at school 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be honest and fair in all of my actions using ICT Help others to become better digital citizens Stay on task and use the technology to produce results I am proud of Share my work with my whanau and teachers Represent my school and myself positively online Acknowledge sources and ensure work credited to me is actually mine. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand that I may experience problems when I use technology and that I will learn to deal with them appropriately Prove that I can be trusted to work independently and remain on task Build up the skills I need to be an effective researcher

Important: If students are given a **school Google account** (Years 3 – 6) this is for school use only. All information and activity is regularly monitored and audited and uses the N4L managed network. Students are able to access these accounts from home or other sources (ipad, library, anywhere that has internet) but once logged in their activities are under the domain and management of Birchville School. Students need to protect their passwords at all times and keep their accounts secure for their use only.

We have read and discussed the *Birchville School Responsible Digital User Agreement* with our child/children.

We understand that our child/children may lose the privilege to use / access Birchville School digital technology if expectations are not met.

Parent or Guardian (signature): _____

Parent or Guardian name (please print): _____

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Parent or Guardian permission to publish:

I give permission for photos of my child / children and / or their work to be put online to share their experiences, successes and learning.

If you disagree with this statement or would like to discuss this please write your name and phone number here and we will contact you to discuss:
