



Student User Agreement for Maraetai Beach School

OVERVIEW

Digital technology is increasingly important in schools and has become essential for learning in our modern world. To prepare our children to become confident, connected, lifelong learners, we must also prepare them to be confident users of a range of technologies.

At Maraetai Beach School, we lease iPads for use in all classrooms. In Years 3 - 8 our students are expected to "Bring Your Own Device" (BYOD information is linked [here](#)) although we also lease a limited number of Chromebooks for equity.

We take pride in providing filtered software that restricts access to certain sites and applications when connected to the school domain. Our partnership between home and school, through the use of Qustodio ensures a safe platform when students are accessing the internet through external connections. The Qustodio application is able to be utilised at home with your family, as well as at school. To find out more about Qustodio, please go to:

<https://maraetaibeach.onlinesafetyhub.nz/>

The following Student User Agreement should be seen as a signal that we take our responsibilities in the use of digital technology very seriously. We expect that a Student User Agreement should be signed every year by all students as a reminder of the importance of responsible behaviour in this area.

MARAETAI BEACH SCHOOL ROLE

Maraetai Beach 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:

- making everybody aware of their responsibilities
- educating students about digital citizenship, including cyber safety.
- overseeing students' use of school's digital devices and online spaces
- offering access to the internet and online platforms between the hours of 6:30am and 10:00pm daily
- using filtering software to protect everybody
- protecting your rights to a safe and positive online environment
- providing opportunities to use digital technologies in the learning at school
- informing parents of any violation of the student agreement.

STUDENT ROLE

As a student of Maraetai Beach 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.** Think about others online and talk or share in respectful ways.
- **Avoid online bullying.** Creating or forwarding content that is harmful or hurtful towards someone else is not okay at any time.
- **Be security smart.** Keep personal information secure by using strong passwords and not sharing them with anyone other than parents. Always log out of a site, or device.
- **Respect others' rights.** Stay off other people's devices and ask them before you include details or photos of them online.
- **Only use apps/internet/device for learning** - what the teacher has told me to do.
- **Use BYOD devices sensibly.** Only ever use your Maraetai Beach School login at school.
- **Understand** that inappropriate Google searches will result in a Red Flag alert being sent to the Principal.
- **Seek help.** Sometimes you or someone you know will feel unsafe or come across bad or hurtful content online. If this happens, talk to a trusted adult about what can be done.

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 lets me borrow, or if it is my own device that I bring to school.

I know that if I behave in ways that are not safe, kind or responsible online, that this is not okay at Maraetai Beach School. There may be some actions that my school might have to take, such as not being able to use the school device or a device I have brought from home and my parents will be notified.

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.

I will revisit this agreement with my teacher at the beginning of each school year. I will ask questions if I do not understand.

[Your child will keep a signed copy of this agreement in their red folder and will sign it each year as part of their start of year Cyber Safety lessons]

PARENT/ WHĀNAU/ GUARDIAN DECLARATION

- I will read this Cybersafety Student User Agreement document
- I will discuss the information with my child and explain why it is important
- 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.
- I will contact the Principal or school Digital Technology Leader to discuss any questions I might have about cybersafety and/or this use agreement and I am welcome to do this at any time.

A BYOD agreement will be sent separately for children in Year 3-8