



RESPONSIBLE USE AGREEMENT **PARENT DECLARATION**

I understand that Hawera Christian School 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 text 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 the digital world,
- contributes and actively promotes the values of digital citizenship.

I understand that Hawera Christian School has a policy and associated procedures* which outlines the schools digital citizenship approach and how this supports teaching and learning. (**These documents are available on request.*)

I understand that the school provides access to the internet and other communications technologies 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 this "Responsible Use 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 declaration and have talked with my child about what it means to them. I am happy that my child understands what this means, and that they are capable of working within the guidelines.

I am aware that students can experience challenges when using technology, but that the school makes every effort to support students to manage those challenges effectively. I understand that by learning to deal with them in a safe environment with the appropriate support they will be better prepared to deal with those challenges in the future.

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 do this at any time.

Signed:

Name: