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# Digital Technology Policy

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### Outcome Statement

Education is changing. Digital technologies are everywhere and they are impacting what, where, how and why students learn, and who they learn from.

Ruapehu College is committed to developing our students as competent and responsible digital citizens that is an essential 21st Century skill.

Ruapehu College supports a Digital Citizenship model for the promotion of safe and responsible use of technology.

### Purpose

Ruapehu College to support the development of digital technology that will:

- Promote student learning
- Enhance successful teaching
- Develop pedagogy

### Guidelines

The board recognises that by fostering a culture of successful digital citizenship in our students, staff and our wider community we are encouraging everyone to take responsibility for themselves and others in their use of ICT.

This allows potential to be harnessed in a digital environment that technology brings to the teaching and learning process, while minimising and learning to effectively respond to the challenges we may experience in a digital learning environment.

The board is aware that preparing students to effectively use ICT is an important part of their preparation for participation and contribution in society today and into the future. It is clear that a key skill in this new world will be their ability to participate as effective digital citizens. An important part of learning these skills is being given the chance to experience the opportunities, and the challenges presented by technology in a safe, secure and nurturing environment, where clear, effective guidance can be sought as students and teachers learn.

The board recognises that its obligations under the National Administration Guidelines extend to use of the internet and related technologies.

### Digital Safety

- Ruapehu College will develop and maintain procedures around the safe and responsible use of the internet and related technologies (ICT).
- These internet safety procedures will recognise the value of the technology and

encourage its use in a teaching and learning context while helping to minimise and manage the challenges that may be experienced by students, teachers and the wider school community.

- The school will consult with parents and the wider school community, as to how it intends to use ICT and where possible explain how it benefits the teaching and learning process.
- These procedures will aim to not only maintain a safer school environment, but also aim to address the need of students and other members of the school community to receive education about the safe and responsible use of information and communication technologies.

## **Supporting Documents**

Digital Technology: safe and responsible use in schools

<https://www.education.govt.nz/assets/Documents/School/Managing-and-supporting-students/DigitalTechnologySafeAndResponsibleUseInSchs.pdf>

Netsafe

<https://www.netsafe.org.nz/>

## **Review**

This policy will be reviewed in accordance with the Board's regular policy review process.

## **Ratified by Ruapehu College Board of Trustees**

Chairperson: Elijah Pue



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 28.01.21

Date for policy review: August, 2023