



E - CLASSROOM APPLICATION

In 2015 we will be piloting a digital classroom at Mangawhai Beach School in the Intermediate Syndicate.

Depending on the number of students registering their interest we may consider offering more classes.

WHAT IS THE RATIONALE BEHIND THIS INITIATIVE?

1. The trend of every student having their own device at school is becoming evident in many school systems around New Zealand and the world. These students will be electronically prepared for College, as this style of teaching/learning is the direction some local Colleges are currently developing.
2. Learning has shown to improve with access to a 1:1 computing device.
3. Time spent on the process of research, writing things down and pulling all the information together is saved, and more time can now be spent with the teacher and further learning.
4. To specialise in motivating and preparing students for their future in our digital world.

WHAT IS A 1-1 COMPUTING DEVICE?

1. It is a student's *personal* Laptop, Netbook, or Chromebook
2. It must be available to come to school every day.
3. It must be fully functional with updated software.

STUDENT INFORMATION

All students in the e-classes **must** have their own 1:1 device that is available for them to bring to school each day.

There will be lockable facilities available for device storage when not in use.

Students will need to register their device with the school for insurance purposes, although the device **must** be on personal household insurance.

All other students are encouraged to use individual digital devices in class if they wish.

WHAT ABOUT IF WE CANNOT AFFORD A DEVICE BUT WOULD LIKE OUR STUDENT INVOLVED?

We have a number of options available. As you are aware it is important that the computer is able to be **used at home** which requires a commitment on behalf of you as parents to ensure that the device is **insured and respected**. Please be aware an IPAD or ANDROID device is not preferred.

Option 1: Purchase a Netbook, Laptop or Chromebook outright. Most systems cost between \$300 - \$1000.

Option 2: Private lease to own: You pay around \$10 per week to lease to own after one year or approx \$5 per week over two years. (Chromebook only).

Option 3: Rent a School owned system: You rent off the school a device at a cost of \$150 upfront and \$2 per week. The system at the end of the rental will still belong to the school.

We believe that these options are realistic and support parents who may not be able to afford the systems outright but would like their student in the e-classroom. If however none of these options suit you please contact Aaron Kemp for further information.

HOW WILL MY CHILD LEARN IN THE e-CLASSROOM?

The lessons will be structured the same as a normal class. Students will have a mathematics book and another exercise book for any written work. It is still important that they maintain handwriting that is legible.

Most work will be completed digitally using a combination of Google Documents, email and the Internet. Students will first learn the skills required to accomplish basic tasks and then will be sent digital information and lessons from their teacher via the Google Classroom.

Students will need to read and sign the Digital Safety Agreement below and follow the guidelines as detailed.

Please register your interest below or by sending an email to jfletcher@mangawhaibeach.school.nz

E- Classroom Registration of Interest

I am interested in registering my child's interest in the E-classroom.

Name of Child: _____

Option of purchase preferred: _____

Signed: _____ (Parent)

Digital Safety Agreement

I agree that I will respect and take care of our digital equipment by:

- Following all of the class rules about digital equipment and only using the equipment when I have been given permission.
- Not copying any software and following copyright laws.
- Using any passwords or logins provided by the school appropriately. I will not disclose passwords to anyone.
- Only printing with the permission of my teacher. I will check the print preview before printing.
- Keeping all my communication with digital tools appropriate and respectful.

I will keep myself and others safe by:

- Not giving anyone on the internet information about myself or others – this includes addresses, photos, names, phone numbers or banking details.
- Making sure that I display the Mangawhai Beach School values of Balanced, Excel, Active, Creative and Having Fun when I am using digital equipment.
- Not writing my personal details into any website, email, blog, podcast or other communication technology without permission from my teacher and/or parent.
- Immediately telling the nearest adult if I accidentally come across dangerous, mean, rude or confusing material. I will not show it or pass it on to any other students.
- Ensuring all of my communication will be appropriate and relevant to my learning. My language will not be disrespectful, offensive, abusive, dangerous, or inappropriate in any way.
- I will report any cyber bullying to my teacher immediately.

I will keep the equipment safe by:

- Carrying it correctly - as shown to me by my teacher.
- I will ensure all digital devices are stored correctly and safely after I have used them.
- If something goes wrong, or the device is damaged, I will tell my teacher immediately, so that it can be fixed.
- Not changing any of the settings on the digital devices owned by the school.

I understand that if I intentionally break this agreement in any way I may lose the right to use the internet and digital equipment at school. As well, the school may inform my parent/caregiver and there may be consequences for my actions.

Child's Name:

Parent/Caregiver's Signature:

Date: _____

(Parents, please help your child understand the rules they must follow to ensure their own and the equipment's safety)