

Consents and Declarations Information - the following pages to be detached for your records

Please be sure to read the following information carefully. If you are unsure of anything in this section please make contact with Western Heights High School for clarification.

Privacy of Information

I/We agree to Western Heights High School:

- a) Requesting relevant information from other schools for enrolment purposes
- b) Forwarding relevant information to another school for enrolment purposes
- c) Forwarding relevant information to other institutions for the purpose of qualifications entry
- d) Using information for statistical purposes, e.g. WHHS Student's Support Centre

Usual Place of Residence

The address given at the time of application for enrolment must be the student's usual place of residence when the school is open for instruction. The Ministry of Education has advised that parents/caregivers should also be warned of the possible consequences of deliberately attempting to gain unfair priority in enrolment by knowingly providing a false address or making an in-zone living arrangement which they intend to be only temporary e.g.

- Residing in-zone on a short-term basis (less than one year);
- Arranging temporary board in-zone with a relative or family friend;
- Using the in-zone address of a relative or friend as an "address of convenience", with no intention to live there on an ongoing basis.

If the Western Heights High School Board of Trustees learns that a student is no longer living at the in-zone address given at the time of application for enrolment, and has reasonable grounds to believe that a temporary in-zone residence has been used for the purpose of unfairly gaining priority in enrolment at the school, then the board may review the enrolment. Unless the parents/caregivers give a satisfactory explanation within 10 days, the board may annul the enrolment. This course of action is provided for under section 110A of the Education Act 1989.

Boarding Arrangements - Note that the term "primary duty of care" indicates that the person with whom the student is boarding will take a high level of responsibility for the student's welfare. The board might doubt the genuineness of the boarding arrangement if the parents insist on being the first point of contact for all matters relating to the student's progress and behaviour at school.

Code of Conduct

The School undertakes to follow the procedures specified in the School's Charter.

Expectations of Western Heights High School Students:

1. That I will be engaged in learning at all times
2. That I will respect all staff and my peers
3. That I will follow the core routines and responsibilities of the school
4. That I will wear regulation uniform correctly

These expectations are detailed in the Western Heights High School Code of Conduct document which is available online at www.whhs.school.nz and are included in our enrolment packs.

Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) – school trips/events/activities/sport etc.

Option 1:

I give my general approval for the student enrolled to participate in off-site programmes of learning, within his or her normal classroom time allocation and approved by the principal.

OR

Option 2:

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events/activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site. This includes sport.

- Our school believes in using a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning.
- We have ready access to the beach, rivers, mountains, and the bush in our area and beyond. We are also close to various built environments in our community. These areas are rich learning environments for our students both in and out of school. They need to learn how to be safe. Our school also values the concept of providing students with opportunities. Thus some of the learning for students occurs beyond the school site and this document is seeking your consent for your child to participate in such learning

The Ministry of Education's **EOTC guidelines** identify four EOTC activity types, each with recommended types of parental/caregiver consent. In brief they are:

Type of event	Description	Type of consent
A	On site- in the school grounds (i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	(i) No consent sought or blanket consent (ii) Separate consent for each event or programme
B	Off-site events in the local community occurring in school time. (i) Lower risk environments <i>eg: sporting events</i> (ii) Higher risk environments* <i>eg: Rock climbing</i>	(i) Blanket consent at enrolment. (ii) Separate consent for each event or programme
C	Off-site events - finishing after school finishes (i) Lower risk environments <i>eg: Sporting events</i> (ii) Higher risk environments* <i>eg: Travelling out of town.</i>	(i) Blanket consent at enrolment. (ii) Separate consent for each event or programme
D	Off-site residential overnight events (i) Lower risk environments <i>eg Marae stay</i> (ii) Higher risk environments* <i>eg: Camp</i>	(i) Separate consent (ii) Separate consent for each event or programme

*Involves risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity.

All EOTC activity categories require staff to undertake an analysis of the risks, and identify the management strategies required to eliminate, isolate and minimise the risks. Emergency procedures are also in place.

Communication with the School

Our school newsletter, Te Panui, will be emailed to the email address provided in the Caregiver Details section of this form (the first issue will have an option to unsubscribe). The newsletter can also be accessed from the school's Facebook page.

Caregivers can also access the Kamar Portal via our website, with either your child's login (issued early in Term 1) or by requesting their own login by emailing website@whhs.school.nz. This provides access to school notices, timetable, attendance and achievement information.

The Western Heights High School app has proven to be a useful tool for many caregivers. It can be downloaded from both the App Store and Google Play.

Parent interviews are held at regular intervals during the school year.

Your child's teacher can be contacted by phoning the school between 8am and 3.30pm or emailing them with the first initial of their first name followed by their second name. For example: fllintstone@whhs.school.nz

Cyber Safety

Internet and Future Focused Learning

STUDENT

As a school user of WHHS Internet and Future Focused Learning Resources, I understand and will abide by the Western Heights High School rules on the use of ICT technologies. In signing the Student Declaration the student accepts the following:

1. I agree to comply with the school rules on acceptable use of Western Heights High School's internet and Future Focused Learning Resources.
2. I agree that all my communication via any technological device and internet system (*either in school or on electronic devices*) will not be used to humiliate, degrade, harass, threaten, offend or defame any person, including fellow students and staff of the school.
3. I agree that I will not use Information Communication Technology to undermine the good name and reputation of the school.
4. I agree that I will not post any material which is offensive, discriminatory or puts any member of the school community at risk (*eg bullying or harassment*).
5. I accept that any breach of condition '2', '3' or '4' of this agreement may be deemed 'gross misconduct' for the purposes of a stand down or suspension under the Education Act 1989.

The school recognises your right to privacy and freedom of expression and undertakes not to disclose any information about you or your communication except that which is in breach of conditions. Breaching this Agreement (or any involvement in such a breach) may result in my access being withdrawn, which could make me ineligible to continue studying a particular subject. I understand that my parents may be informed if I breach this agreement.

PARENT/CAREGIVER

As a parent/caregiver of the above mentioned student, I have read the Internet and Future Focused Learning and Acceptable Use Agreement. My child has read the document and understands his/her obligations. In signing the Parent/Caregiver Declaration I give my permission to allow internet access for my child. I understand that access is designed for educational purposes and that students will be held accountable for their own actions. I also understand that some material on the Internet may be objectionable. WHHS will take appropriate measures to limit access to illegal, dangerous and/or inappropriate material and I accept responsibility for setting standards for my child to follow when using email and the internet.

I understand that if my child damages equipment, this will result in an invoice for the cost or replacement parts and repairs and any other associated costs. I also understand this agreement applies to communication technologies my child may bring into the school environment.

Bring Your Own Device Agreement

PARENT/CAREGIVER

In signing the Parent Declaration I give permission for my child to bring their own digital device to school for use in the classroom learning programme. I understand:

1. All devices brought to school are my child's responsibility and the insurance for the device is my responsibility.
2. All devices must arrive at school each day fully charged.
3. Devices are only to be used under adult supervision. All use is at the teacher's discretion.
4. Devices brought to school are for the use of my child. Any sharing is at my child's discretion.
5. Teachers will encourage the use of personal digital devices whenever possible and students will be able to use them for homework activities.
6. Rules, including the cybersafety policies, governing the use of any school-owned digital device will apply to student-owned devices, while they are at school, including adherence to the Copyright Act.
 - I agree to my son/daughter using the internet and other ICTs at school.
 - I understand that images of my child (photo/video), may be used to illustrate school activities or programmes. My child will not be identified without my permission.
 - I will contact the school if there is anything here that I do not understand.
 - If there is a situation that concerns me, I will contact either the school or Netsafe – www.netsafe.org.nz

Digital Citizenship Agreement

STUDENT

In signing the Student Declaration the student accepts the following:

When I use ICTs both at school and at home I have responsibilities and rules to follow.

I agree to:

1. Be a safe user whenever and wherever I use that technology.
2. Be responsible whenever and wherever I use technology and support others by being respectful in how I talk to and work with them and never write or participate in online bullying. This includes forwarding messages and supporting others in harmful, inappropriate or hurtful online behaviour.
3. Report to an adult if I feel unsafe or uncomfortable online or see a friend being unsafe or being made to feel uncomfortable by others.

When at school I agree to:

1. Behave in a way outlined in the schools *Digital Citizenship Agreement* when online or using mobile technology.
2. I must keep myself and my friends safe by not giving out personal details including full names, telephone numbers, addresses and images and protecting my password.
3. Use the technology at school for learning, use the equipment properly and not interfere with work of another student.
4. Remember that the content on the web is someone else's property and ask my teacher or a parent/caregiver to help me get permission if I want to use information or pictures.
5. Think carefully about what I read on the internet, question if it is from a reliable source and use the information to help me answer any questions (*I should not copy and paste information as my answer*).
6. Talk to my teacher or another adult if:
 - I need help online
 - I am not sure what I should be doing on the internet
 - I come across sites that are not suitable
 - Someone writes something that I do not like, or makes me and my friends feel uncomfortable or asks me to provide information that I know is private
 - I feel that the welfare of other students at the school is being threatened

When I use any laptop, smartphone, tablet or any other mobile device I agree to:

1. Use it as requested for learning purposes as directed by my teacher.
2. Be responsible in my use and not use the device to find, create or send information that might be harmful, inappropriate or hurtful to me or anyone else.
3. Be entirely responsible for the security of the device at all times.

To this end, when using any mobile device as a phone I will:

1. Keep my phone on silent during class times and only make or answer calls and messages during lesson times for specific learning purposes or with the teacher's permission.
2. Protect the privacy of others and never post private information about another person.

When using any mobile device as a camera I will:

1. Only take photos and record sound or video when it is part of a class or lesson.
Seek permission from individuals involved, PRIOR to taking photos, recording sound or videoing them (*including teachers*).
2. Seek written permission from individuals involved PRIOR to publishing or sending photos, recorded sound or video to anyone else or to any online space.
3. Be respectful in how I talk to and work with others online and never write or participate in online bullying.

This policy applies to students during school excursions, camps and extracurricular activities.