



# WAIMAUKU SCHOOL

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## CYBER SAFETY

10 February 2020

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of our ongoing commitment to educational excellence and our legal responsibility (duty of care) to ensure our students' safety and well-being by providing a safe physical and emotional environment for our students, our school has partnered with Family Zone.

Family Zone provides a broad suite of cyber safety services which help school communities keep kids safe online. They provide tools for both the school and families to use to gain visibility and management over children's internet access, regardless of internet connection. Their unique ecosystem allows school communities to work collaboratively so students are safe online on all devices and all networks, all the time.

A parent evening will be held in the school hall on Monday 24 February at 6:30pm. In the meantime, please read the information below to understand how Family Zone will help the school community to keep kids safe online.

### ON THE SCHOOL NETWORK

Family Zone School Manager will provide visibility and management when students are connected to the school network during school hours. This will help keep students safe and focussed online. Read on for information on Mobile Zone.

### OFF THE SCHOOL NETWORK DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Family Zone's Mobile Zone application can keep kids safe when they choose to use unsafe networks (eg mobile data), during school hours. Mobile Zone will enforce the school's acceptable ICT usage policy and prevent students accessing inappropriate content. We encourage you to protect any device a student brings to school with the Mobile Zone app. The Mobile Zone application is not required for the School-Issued Google account on Chromebooks.

### FOR FAMILIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL HOURS

Parents can choose to use Family Zone Insights outside of school hours to monitor internet usage on up to 6 devices with Mobile Zone activated. Family Zone Insights delivers weekly snapshots of kids' device usage, straight into Mum and Dad's inbox. Insights is not a parental control. It provides no filtering or blocking of content but simply monitors and reports on device activity. To use Family Zone Insights you need to set up your FREE account. You will receive an email with instructions to create an account.

## SCHOOL-ISSUED GOOGLE ACCOUNTS

We will be deploying a Chrome extension to all school-issued Google accounts. The extension will activate only when students are logged into Chrome with their school-issued Google account (ie. it will NOT load in personal Google accounts). This may be on a Chromebook or using Chrome on a Mac or Windows laptops and desktops. It does not matter what network they are using to access the internet, the extension will always filter and keep them safe online when they use their school-issued Google account.

## PRIVACY AND SECURITY

Please be assured that our school and Family Zone take your privacy and security seriously.

We are committed to ensuring our students get the very best education and in today's fast moving times, technology is a key component. However, it's abundantly clear to all, that technology is exposing our children to risks. Our school is choosing to step-up up to these challenges and we do so in full confidence that we'll receive the support of our fantastic school community.

Kind regards,

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