Wellesley's – Cyber Safety Overview

Kia Ora Wellesley Parents and Whānau,

As you get ready to send your boys back-to-school next week, we would like to ask that you make yourself a large coffee (or something stronger if you prefer) and find 10 minutes to sit down and read the following email.

I apologise in advance for its length, however, over the last two terms, Wellesley has undergone some changes, with the way in which it manages and filters our boys' devices, to ensure safe internet usage. This email is to update you with key information around these changes and what you can do at home, to allow for a safe and seamless transition between home and school.

In this day and age, our boys have a wealth of information, learning and discovery at their fingertips, but it is essential that when they are working in an online environment, they are doing so with full cyber safety processes in place, to keep them safe.

There are three levels to this system:
1. **Linewize:** School Manager: This monitors and filters the boys, whilst they are connected to our school wi-fi system.
2. **Classwize:** This allows the teachers to monitor and filter the access that the boys have to the internet in the classroom and more specifically, what websites they are visiting.
3. **Qustodio:** This monitors and filters the boys, when they are away from the school wi-fi and are connected to the internet (at home or hot spotting, via mobile data). Such as when they are travelling to and from school on the bus.

At Wellesley, we require that all boys who bring devices to school, such as phones and laptops have **Qustodio** installed on them. This is clearly outlined in our '*Student Digital Technology Acceptable Use Agreement',* that all boys and parents signed earlier this year.

Qustodio
Qustodio has superseded Family Zone.
For those of you, whose sons started at Wellesley, prior to this year, you would have had Family Zone Services, but these were discontinued on the 30th June, 2023, and have been replaced by **Qustodio.** This application is available now for parents to start using right away. If you haven't already signed up to **Qustodio**, here is the link to do so:

Sign up to Qustodio Here

We have worked with our providers who have migrated the provision of tools for parents to Qustodio. Here's what you need to know about the Qustodio services that are available via our school, as they apply to both BYOD laptops and other devices (eg mobile phones):

1. The Linewize Connect software we have deployed to students' BYOD laptops will support the delivery of Linewize and Classwize services while your son's BYOD device is connected to the school wi-fi network. The Linewize Connect software is only active when BYOD devices are connected to the school network. It does **NOT** monitor or filter when the device is off the school network. For that to happen, the device needs to have Qustodio software installed and set up correctly by you, the parent/guardian.

> **IMPORTANT: Please Do!**
> **Earlier this year, we asked that parents <u>DID NOT</u> load Qustodio onto their sons' BYOD laptops, as it was causing conflict with our existing network. As this has now been updated and changed to coexist with the new software, we now require that parents <u>DO</u>, install Qustodio onto their sons' BYOD laptops.**

2. When your son arrives at school and connects to our network, for the first time, once Qustodio has been installed on his BYOD device, you will receive an email, explaining that he is connected to a 'School Safe Network'. For more information about this, please click on this link: School Safe Network

3. All families get a free Qustodio account with a **Qustodio My School** subscription. This will provide you with tools and visibility on up to **two devices** in your household, on top of your son's BYOD device.

4. When you set up your Qustodio account for the first time, you get **Qustodio Premium** free for the first 30 days, so you can try all available features. After the one-month period, you can continue with **Qustodio My School** package or upgrade if you wish to keep using the more advanced premium features going forward. Refer to the attached flyer for a breakdown of what features are available through your Qustodio account, including features available on BYOD devices and other devices (eg mobile phones).

5. If you do not elect to continue with **Qustodio Premium**, your account will default to **Qustodio My School** at the end of your trial period.

Cybersafety and Monitoring of BYOD Devices

During the recent changeover, we have deployed Linewize's Connect software onto all the BYOD Windows devices to ensure your son is appropriately monitored and on task while at school. This new approach improves digital learning during lessons and provides our pastoral staff with enhanced visibility to support better wellbeing outcomes.

To ensure that this is all set up correctly, your son's device will end up with **3 Different Accounts** on it, as explained below:

- **Account 1:** This is for the student. This allows them to access the programmes and applications on the device and use it for learning and study purposes. It does not provide them with administration rights, and they cannot install or uninstall programmes.

- **Account 2:** This is the Cyclone / School Admin Account. This allows our IT Team to install educational programmes and applications onto the device when required.

- **Account 3:** This is for parents, and it provides you with full administration rights to your son's device. You will be able to install programmes for him and make any changes that are required. You will receive an email, in the next week or two, advising you of your log-in details for this account. *(NB: It is important that your Qustodio account is set up with your main email, that the school has on file – so that the two emails can match and link up to your account).*

My apologies again for the length of this communication, but we felt that it was necessary to provide parents with a full understanding of the cyber safety changes that are being undertaken here at school.

Safe use of devices is very much a partnership between home and school and if you are ever unsure or need support in this area, please do not hesitate to contact us. We also highlight again the Wellesley Cyber Safety Hub, which contains a wealth of expert information on this subject. You can access this, through the following link:

Wellesley Cyber Safety Hub

Thank you again for your ongoing support in this area,