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STUDENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: Students over 16 years

Title of Project: Evaluation of Manaialalani

We are members of the Woolf Fisher Research Centre. The Woolf Fisher Research Centre is a University of Auckland research centre for the development of education and schooling success. This project is being conducted as a collaboration between primary and secondary schools involved in Manaialalani and the Woolf Fisher Research Centre. Funding for this project is from the Manaialalani Education Trust and The University of Auckland.

We would like to invite you to participate in the research project to identify factors that assist Year 5-13 students to maintain their engagement in the learn/create/share model and raise school achievement levels over the 3 years of the project. The project will commence in August 2012 and end in May 2015.

The research project is designed to develop understandings about what family and school factors are associated with student engagement with the learn/create/share model and with increased school achievement.

Your Principal has given us permission to collect information about student achievement at school. We will use this information to check whether netbook use has led to higher achievement in your school.

We would like to collect a small amount of information from you each year, over a period of three years.

Each year, we would like to collect the following:

To gather in-depth information about how teachers are using the netbooks in class, we are inviting six of the teachers at your school to participate in a teacher observation session in which we will observe teachers teaching a standard lesson for up to one hour. The observation will not be video or audio recorded. At the end of the observation, we might like to invite you to participate in a face-to-face interview with a researcher. The interviews will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. You do not have to participate in the interview, and you do not have to answer every question if you choose to participate.

To gather broad information about what happens during lessons at school, we would like you to participate in a short questionnaire. The questionnaire will contain a total of three questions, asking how you feel about the activity you have been doing. You don't have to answer any of the questions if you don't want to.

To gather information about how much time students are using the netbooks outside of school hours, we would like your permission to access the date stamp information on your netbook. We will only be collecting information about the time you spend using your netbook, and will not collect any information about how you are using your netbook.

To gather information about your writing, we would like your permission to read your blogs.

To gather information about how your netbook use (time spent on netbooks and blogs) has affected your learning, we would like your permission to match your netbook data to your achievement data.

If you agree to participate in this research, information about your learning will be tracked for each of the three years of the project.

Participation in this research project is voluntary. Your school has also agreed that your participation is voluntary and that your participation, or non-participation, will not influence your relationship with the school or access to school services, including your participation in Manaiaikalani and access to your netbook. You can withdraw from participating at any time until 31 May 2015 without having to give any reason for your withdrawal, as your decision will be completely respected. You can withdraw any information you have provided at any time until the data has been analysed. This would be by the 1st of November in each year that the data has been collected.

All data (including interviews) will be collated into a database and be analysed. The database and associated hard-copy files will be kept securely at the Woolf Fisher Research Centre for a period of six years after which all copies will be destroyed and/or deleted. All consent forms will be kept separately from the data.

Participants' names will remain completely confidential. Reports, articles and feedback arising from this research will not identify the school as the source of the data.

Results of the research will be made available to your school and to schools in the area to help develop best practice in local schools. We may also publish the findings in journal articles, or present them at hui or in education conferences.

If you agree to participate in this research, please complete and sign the attached consent form, and return it to the envelope available at the school office.

Thank you very much for your time and help in making this project possible. If you have any queries or wish to know more, please phone or write to any of us at the address below:

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Approved by The University of Auckland Human Participants Ethics Committee on 7 September 2012 for three years. Reference Number 8294



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STUDENT CONSENT FORM **(For students 16 years of age or older)**

THIS FORM WILL BE HELD FOR A PERIOD OF SIX YEARS

Title of Project: Evaluation of Manaiaakalani

Researchers: Dr. Rebecca Jesson Senior Lecturer, Woolf Fisher Research Centre
Aaron Wilson Senior Researcher, Woolf Fisher Research Centre

I have read the Participant Information Sheet and I understand the research and why I have been selected. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and to have them answered to my satisfaction.

I understand that I may withdraw myself from this project at any time up until 31 May 2015, without having to give any reasons.

I understand that I may withdraw any information that I have provided at any time up until the 1st of November of each year that information has been provided, without having to give any reasons.

I understand my participation is voluntary and that my school has agreed that my participation or non-participation will not influence my relationship with the school or access to school services.

For each of the three years of the project:

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to participate in this research.

I understand that my teacher may be observed during a lesson.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) that, if selected, I will participate in a short interview with a researcher at the end of the lesson.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) that I will participate in a short questionnaire during class time.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to access the time-stamp information from my netbook.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to read my blogs.

I agree / do not agree (circle one) to allow researchers to match my netbook data with my achievement data.

I understand that information about my learning will be tracked for each of the three years of the project.

I understand that information about me will be confidentially collated and entered into a database by the researchers.

I understand that, with the permission of the Principal, existing student achievement data will be collected from the school.

I understand that my confidentiality and privacy will be protected at all times, and that neither my name, nor the names of my teachers or the school will be identified in any publication or presentation that arises from the research.

I understand that the data will be stored securely at the Woolf Fisher Research Centre and will be destroyed after a period of six years.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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