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STUDENT PARTICIPANT INFORMATION SHEET: Students under 16 years - Secondary

Title of Project: Evaluation of Manaikalani

Researchers from the Woolf Fisher Research Centre at The University of Auckland are doing some research with schools involved in Manaikalani, including your school. The research project is funded by the Manaikalani Education Trust and The University of Auckland. We want to find out whether using netbooks at school has helped students engage in schoolwork and raise school achievement.

We would like to invite you to participate in this research. It will start in August 2012 and end in May 2015.

Your Principal has given us permission to collect information about student achievement at school. We will use this information to check whether netbooks have helped students at your school to achieve more highly.

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 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 lesson. If your teacher is selected, we will come to your classroom and watch your teacher teaching for up to one hour. After the lesson, we might like to invite you to participate in a short interview to ask you about how you use the netbooks in class. The interview will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. You do not have to participate in the interview, and you don't have to answer every question if you choose to participate.

To gather the information about what happens during your lessons at school, we would like to invite you to participate in a short questionnaire. The questionnaire will contain three questions, asking you how you feel about the activity you have been doing. You do not 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 netbook use has helped students learn, we would like your permission to match your netbook data (time spent on netbooks and blogs) to your achievement data.

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

Your participation is voluntary, and you don't have to be involved. Your school says that that your participation is voluntary and whether you do or don't participate doesn't affect anything else at school, including your participation in Manaiaakalani and access to your netbook. You can choose not to participate at any time. You can also withdraw (take back) any information you have given us up until it has been used for research. This would be by the 1st of November in each year.

All the information will be collated into a database, de-identified, and 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 your information will be kept separately from your consent form. We will keep all the information confidential. Reports, articles and feedback arising from this research will not identify the school or any individual participants as the source of the information.

We will give your school the results of the research which will help schools to teach even better than they do. We may also publish the results of this research in journal articles, hui or education conferences.

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

Thank you very much for your time and help. If you have any queries or wish to know more, you parents could 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 ASSENT FORM
(For students under 16 years of age)

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 test data.

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

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

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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