

ne spotlight: Waverley Park School

Invercargill, New Zealand



The school motto for Waverley Park School is "Ora i te Akoranga - Living the Learning." This describes their commitment to their tamariki, their whanau and their community. They have a firm vision of learning that encompasses the whole child, not just academically but artistically, socially, culturally and one that's strongly connected to their values and beliefs.

Waverley Park School has been working with Online Computers for over 20 years to help them achieve the digital learning component of their school vision. Here are some of the ways they have worked towards achieving this.

- Purchasing and Finance
- Deployment and Management
- Teacher and Student Training
- Remote and On-Site Support

Purchasing and Finance

Waverley Park School decided to invest in an increasing number of iPads throughout their classrooms. iPads were chosen for their ease of access for all students and the wide range of creative uses across the curriculum.

Online Computers have assisted them to build their iPad to student ratio to a level of 1:3 through helping them organise a competitive leasing option. Their leasing option enables them to replace the iPads every three years and keeps the hardware up to date for the latest apps and hardware.



Deployment and Management

For each purchasing round of iPads, Waverley Park has developed further layers of management tools to both help lessen the workload on teachers and make the on-going maintenance stress-free. Online Computers have helped them enrol each iPad into Apple Manager, create individual classroom profiles and manage their apps and settings through the Lightspeed MDM platform.

This has helped the school move their devices from the box to the classroom, with ease, into the hands of the students where they should be.

Teacher and Student Training

One of the best things that Waverley Park has done is to enable an IT Lead Teacher to oversee the digital learning program across the school. Renee McGinnis, an experienced teacher, is a passionate advocate for eLearning. She is responsible for the teacher's digital learning development and also the administrative tasks involved in keeping the programme seamless and effective. This looks like everything from inclass workshops with teachers and students to helping teachers design systems and processes to manage and maintain the iPads.

Renee also works with Mark Herring, a
Digital Learning Specialist, to facilitate
workshops for teachers and students around
best practice for eLearning with Apple
products. One series of workshops involved
a series of in class sessions Mark led
through classrooms called 'iPad Ninja.' This
taught the students how to integrate a
variety of apps into their local school
curriculum.

"The iPads provide a huge variety of learning opportunities for all learners of different abilities in our school."

- Renee McGinnis



Remote and On-Site Support

An important component of Waverley Park School's digital learning platform is the support from trained and experienced IT technicians. Renee McGinnis is tasked with the day to day management of their devices and programs, which is a vital part of building 'in-house' capacity and a sustainable learning programme.

Alongside this, however, is the remote support that Renee receives from Tim Beer, Online Computer's Apple Certified Technician. Renee describes Tim's help as a crucial resource to call on when needed

