

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION

The Importance of Technology Education for Your Child in the 21st Century

★ Technology **challenges** students in a way unlike any other curriculum; students are engaged both as learners and as technologists.

★ Technology students know the factors that influence people's choices, including their **culture** and the **society** they are a part of. They consider costs and benefits, aesthetics and fitness for purpose.

★ Students gain knowledge to evaluate their own choices, building **confidence** in their own decision making and encouraging them to take **calculated** risks.

★ Students are involved in planning and design processes and learn important **practical** skills.

★ Technology students work co-operatively with others, learning important **communication** skills.

★ Students' ideas are accepted and valued, encouraging them to show initiative, learn independently and **take responsibility** for their own work.

★ Students are challenged to realise their aspirations and **learn** from their mistakes.

★ Technology provides an excellent **foundation** in preparing students for a wide range of study and career pathways.

★ By helping students develop a **deep understanding** of technology and its place within wider contexts of social development, enterprise and innovation, technology education is well placed to equip students to contribute to New Zealand's economic and social well-being.

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