



Cybersafey



Electronic devices have enabled us to communicate via a number of channels, however, they also can be an avenue for bullying and harassment. This is known as cyberbullying.

Cyberbullying is bullying done through electronic means through social media and or/telecommunications platforms.

Behaviours include teasing, spreading online rumours, sending threatening or defamatory material via messages or posts.

Our public schools are committed to providing safe, respectful and supportive environments for their school community. For policy details refer to the [Safe and Supportive Schools Policy](#).

We teach our students safe and responsible online behaviour at school and we encourage parents to support school efforts in promoting responsible online behaviour. Conversations at home and role modelling desired behaviour all help in teaching responsible and productive computer use.



Ways to support students to be safe are:

- recommending students do not reply to any messages from a bully - not reacting may disarm the bully
- teaching students how to block bullies so that they can't make contact through electronic means
- advising students not to share their user name and password with anyone and not to leave their computer logged on - this is to stop anyone from using their account to post damaging material using their details
- encouraging students to report any threatening messages immediately to you
- showing them how to contact the web administrator (or web master) to ask for content to be removed, if bullying information has been posted on the website.

Educate yourself

Educate yourself about potential harm online and how to help students make the right choices about online behaviour.

TIP: [The Office of the eSafety Commissioner](#) and [ThinkUKnow](#) websites have a number of resources to help parents support cybersafety at home including how to report cyberbullying and



strategies to keep kids safe online.

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