



Maintaining a safe environment

It is important to protect our students from the impact of inappropriate material on the internet. The protection provided during regular school hours by the Directorate comes in a number of ways to reduce the risk of accidental access to inappropriate content. The Directorate has activated email and web filters to ensure the safety of students whilst working within the school network.

Outside of regular school hours, parents are responsible for their child's use of the Chromebook.

Using the internet safely

Casual Talk

Asking questions, not only helps you in knowing what students are doing online, but it is a great way to have a conversation about what student is learning.



Keep students safe means making them aware of the risks. Have a chat to them about how to avoid potential risks. They also need to know they can make the right choices and can talk to a teacher if something online makes them feel uneasy.

Keep personal information personal



Without thinking of the ramifications, students sometimes post private information about themselves online. This can include their name, contact details, photographs and the personal details of friends or family.

They may also be tempted to respond to messages that attempt to trick them into giving out information such as bank details. These scams or phishing messages are sometimes hard to distinguish from legitimate

messages.

To help protect privacy, teachers can encourage students to:

- treat any unexpected message with caution -
 - consider who is emailing and what are they asking
 - check the details from a legitimate source

TIP: The Australian Government Stay Smart Online website is a good reference tool and has



advice on how to protect yourself, the latest threats and how to respond, including a handy guide to avoid falling victim to scammers called [My Guide](#).

Social network sensibly

Social networking websites allow users to create profiles, communicate and form networks with others. They are often seen as a great tool for connecting with friends and family and are quite the norm for many students. Facebook, Twitter, Snapchat and Instagram are all examples of social network websites.

You can support sensible social networking by:

- recommending students set their profiles to private in the security settings so that only people they want to see it, can
- encouraging students to think about content they post before making it available online. Some websites don't allow information to be taken down
- encouraging students to be careful when making new friends online – they might not be who they say they are
- making it explicit to never arrange to meet an online friend a student has never met before, unless a trusted adult is with them
- showing students how to report inappropriate content to the web administrator of the website