

Cyber Safety

At Silkwood we value the online safety of our students and have programs and policies in place to address issues of cyber-bullying and harassment. Australian students live in a digital world. Whilst this world is an amazing source of entertainment, information and connections, they need to learn how to avoid the dangers of its misuse. Parents and students will find a wealth of valuable online resources and advice to support the avoidance of such misuse. Links to some of these sites can be found below.

<http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/> (Information for teachers, kids, teens and parents)

<http://www.kidshelpline.com.au/> (A place where kids can get Government approved assistance if they need it. There is also a link to a parent helpline)

http://www.youtube.com/user/ACMAcybersmart?feature=creators_corner-http%3A//s.ytimg.com/yt/img/creators_corner/YouTube/youtube_24x24.png (Cybersmart on YouTube – many videos and you can subscribe)

<http://twitter.com/CybersmartACMA> (Cybersmart on Twitter)

http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/home_internet_users

(Excellent guides over a range of issues explaining what students and parents can do to improve security and protect themselves and their children at home)

<http://www.thinkuknow.org.au/> (Multiple resources)

http://www.staysmartonline.gov.au/schools_and_teachers (Federal Government cybersafety site: many resources for teachers, schools and kids)

Email counselling can be very popular so sometimes it can take us a while to respond. If you need to talk to someone straight away, call Kids Helpline on 1800 55 1800. To send an email to a counsellor, copy and paste the below email address into a new [email:counsellor@kidshelp.com.au](mailto:counsellor@kidshelp.com.au)

We also have a range of useful cyber safety resources on Ignite here - <https://ignite.silkwood.qld.edu.au/d2l/le/content/6774/Home>