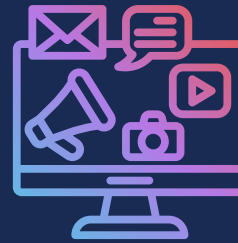


Online Safety Education Newsletter

A twice-per-term newsletter containing opportunities, new tools, learning, resources, and more.



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October is Cyber Security Awareness Month

The ACT Education Directorate is a proud partner of the [Cybermarvel](#) project, a fantastic initiative supporting students' online safety and security education with engaging activities across K-12. We highly recommend that schools explore the range of resources and events on offer.



Breaking Down Barriers – Empowering Action

The Australian Prime Minister's recent announcement about social media 'bans', along with the latest safety updates from apps like Instagram and Snapchat might give students, families, and educators a false sense of security. Yet, the rise of incidents like [sadistic sextortion](#), where perpetrators make victims feel complicit to lower their willingness to report, shows how crucial it is to continue promoting online safety education.

The [Help Us to Know – What drives online child sexual abuse offending?](#) report further emphasises this need, identifying three key actions that can deter online child sexual abuse: when young people refuse to continue conversations, disclose to a trusted adult, or threaten to report to the police.

These findings highlight the role of online safety education in helping children recognise risks and take protective action. Open conversations about online dangers empower young people with the confidence to protect themselves. Breaking down barriers to seeking help, especially around issues like sextortion, cyberbullying, or harmful content, creates a safer environment where they can ask for support when needed.



Children's Online Privacy – Are You Prepared?

Did you know that a person's photo is considered personally identifiable information? The Australian Government's announcement of a [Children's Online Privacy Code](#) may impact how we capture, store, share and dispose of student images. This insightful [article](#) encourages schools to reflect on their image-sharing practices and consider the privacy, security, and safety implications for the entire community.

Early Years & Inclusive Parent & Carer Videos

Our team has been busy building our library of online on-demand videos for parents and carers. We've recently added videos on online safety for the Early Years, and Inclusive Resources for families.

To view the videos, as well as our other recorded webinars:

https://bit.ly/ACTEDU_Online_Safety_Videos

To share, or join our webinars for Term 4, register via:

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