



An important cybersafety message



Our school has registered to take part in eSmart, a guiding framework for schools to manage cybersafety and wellbeing.

eSmart will help teachers, students and the whole school community embrace the benefits of technology and reduce our exposure to cyberspace risks such as cyberbullying, identity theft, online sexual predation and accessing or sending inappropriate images and content.

Funded by the Victorian Government, eSmart is an initiative of The Alannah and Madeline Foundation, a national charity committed to protecting children from violence.

Our work towards achieving eSmart status will involve the whole school community—for example, we'll be integrating cybersafety into our wellbeing policies, establishing clear procedures to deal with incidents, and delivering curriculum around the smart, safe and responsible use of technology.

We'll regularly update you on our progress through this newsletter. More information is also available at www.esmart.org.au



New guidelines and Laws

Children's eSafety Commission

www.esafety.gov.au

'Enhancing Online Safety for Children Act 2015' *commenced 1st July 2015*

- Contact the office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner to have content removed if social media companies do not remove the offending content.
- When resolving complaints with schools the commissioner will inform schools with;
 - Name the student who is being cyberbullied.
 - A summary of the cyberbullying material.
 - Suggestions to help resolve the complaint in accordance with school policies.
 - Current action already taken by the commissioner.
- Privacy conditions may be applicable;
 - Only discuss with the students involved and with student consent – their parents/guardians.
 - Only disclose the information to third parties with the consent of the affected students or as required by law.
 - Comply with applicable privacy laws and policies in relation to the personal information disclosed.